



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Courts, County struggle to find ways to get along

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

A triad of county boards — Crawford, Otsego, and Kalkaska — has been struggling to reach an agreement with court officials regarding the state mandated court reform order demanding change in the antiquated system.

The State Administrative Order, which combined the trial courts of the three counties into one trial court and launched an overhaul of the court system, has caused friction on many fronts.

Some of the friction arose when the State Administrative Order named a chief judge to oversee the employees, to implement a budget, and to generally administer to the needs of the new trial court. This order, in some respects, seemed to supersede county agreements and contracts, and to place the respective county boards outside the decision-making process.

Recent meetings between court personnel and representatives of the three county boards have attempted to resolve these basic differences. The order also calls for creation of a county-court management council.

"What we're learning to live with," said Robert Smock, chair of Crawford County's Personnel and Labor Committee and facilitator of the recent court-county meetings, "is that there will be differences and that we must move forward regardless of them."

Chief Judge Alton Davis agreed. "What we have here, are significant differences from locale to locale. But, we've also been given a license to fashion what works here," Davis said.

Some differences stem from the lack of having a common council of judges and commissioners to debate the issues which necessarily arise from such a transformation. The state mandate allows for forming such a council, but it has yet to be put into place. Crawford County has been the hold-out county.

The management council is designed to consist of five judges and six commissioners from the three counties. The order also allows for adoption of by-laws, which Family Judge John Hunter said "can over-ride what we've done. We've even added the language 'no individual commissioner may vote without the authority of their Board' so that all of your commissioners will have input into the process."

Just agreeing on the 1998 budget for the court has been a matter of "going around to the counties and trying to wrap up a budget," said Davis. "Each county has a general obligation to fund the court at a reasonable level. Unfortunately, all three counties represented here have different funding needs."

Commissioner Jacobs from Otsego County echoed this claim. "And that is why our board moved

on Feb. 8 to join with a Binding Agreement with the courts," Jacobs said. "Our question is though, what if the counties don't agree with the court?"

Davis answered: "To break any logjam, we're to call the (State) Court Administrative Office. Fortunately," Davis explained, "all of the funding for the three units comes through Otsego County, and if we have two-thirds of the deal made — with Kalkaska and Otsego — then, the bills will continue to go out."

The State Administrative Order sets out exactly how this court management council is to be formed and how it may choose to arbitrate differences which may arise between the court and the county.

It also says: "Unless the local court management council adopts the bylaws described, without the agreement of the chief judge, the council serves solely in an advisory role on decisions concerning trial court management otherwise reserved exclusively to the chief judge of the trial court (Davis) pursuant to court order and administrative order of the Michigan Supreme Court."

"We don't want to make any decisions that would be inconsistent with the county's written policies," said Davis. "The order says that we're not to 'act in a manner that frustrates or impedes the collective bargaining process.'"

Smock asked why Crawford County should join into the council process.

Otsego Commissioner Jacobs said "we joined because we want some control. And, we chose the binding agreement rather than the advisory, because it's also binding on the court and it's the lesser of two evils. Our decision was unanimous."

"Well," said John Hartman, Crawford board chair, "our board is seriously split on this matter. We've called a work session to resolve our internal differences before we come to this table again. But, we'll take another shot at it."

"We don't want to be seen as sitting on the fence," said Smock, "but some of our members will need some convincing before we can take a vote on this."

Judge Davis said "at this point, we're thinking of proceeding with the two counties. Kalkaska has chosen the advisory and Otsego is going with the binding agreement. We just hope it's all right with Crawford County that we proceed to create the apparatus or format that contains the basic information, so we don't run the risk of miscommunication."

Crawford Commissioner Lynnette Corlew said, "From what I've been reading here, over all, you've provided the tools, and I, personally, do not want to be excluded from this process. I'll come to the meetings, and I want to be the ears for Crawford County. Even if I have no vote, I can still listen."

"I also believe and will recommend that we (Crawford County Board of Commissioners) identify our problems — on paper. Then we can work to resolve them, so we can become an active member of this council."

Crawford Commissioner Kathy Black said "I would also consider the binding council agreement. But right now, we've got some problems that are not just attitude problems."

"On the very day this court reform pilot was announced, we found asbestos in the building. We were also hit with a tax deficit because of the UNOCAL decision, and we've had lawsuits pending."

"Now, I can see that these judges — and I've worked with these gentlemen — have bent over backwards to get this process right, and I'll say that I, too, want to see our problems reduced to writing."

Smock concluded the meeting by

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THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE -- Wonder is apparent in the face of Casey King, working with a balance display that uses nails. Photos by Shirley Schmoock.

Frederic's First Science Fair is 'a real blast!'

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

A variety of enthusiastic responses were given by excited First Annual Science Fair participants in Frederic last Thursday (Feb. 19) "a blast" and "really awesome" being the most common.

The Science Fair held at the Frederic Elementary School was the brain child of Principal Melvin Nunn and Librarian Wendy Kucharek. The two arranged to have numerous displays and hands-on exhibits set up in the gymnasium. All of the science-related activities were set up for active participation by the students and their parents.

Denise Latuszek school secretary said "I don't know how we pulled it off, with so many people calling in sick, but they did." The ranks of volunteers for the fair were parents, high school students performing community service, middle school students, plus teachers and paraprofessionals.



DRY ICE -- Sara Heyer, Grayling High School volunteer, with David Gilliland watches a dry ice demonstration.



MAKING SLIME -- Polyvinyl mixed with water and borax creates slime. Mrs. Elke Masella (from right), Emily Henion of Frederic, and Jon McIntyre of Frederic help the process, while Mike Bordeaux, Frederic student, awaits the result.

Grayling Guard to stay out of Iraq

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Special Writer

In welcome news, Maj. Thomas Lamie, public relations officer for the Michigan Army National Guard confirmed on Feb. 18 that "Grayling has no units ready to mobilize for the Persian Gulf."

He did say, however, that Selfridge Field had sent the 127th Fighter Wing "to Turkey a week ago. The F16's from Selfridge are there to enforce the no-fly zone near Iraq's northern border."

The Michigan Air National Guard 127th Fighter Wing is stationed at Selfridge Field and flies missions on Camp Grayling's air-to-ground range, which is located on the artillery range north of the city. This air-to-ground range is operated by Michigan Air Guard personnel out of Alpena.

When asked about the fire fighting units that were deployed during the Desert Storm confrontation, he

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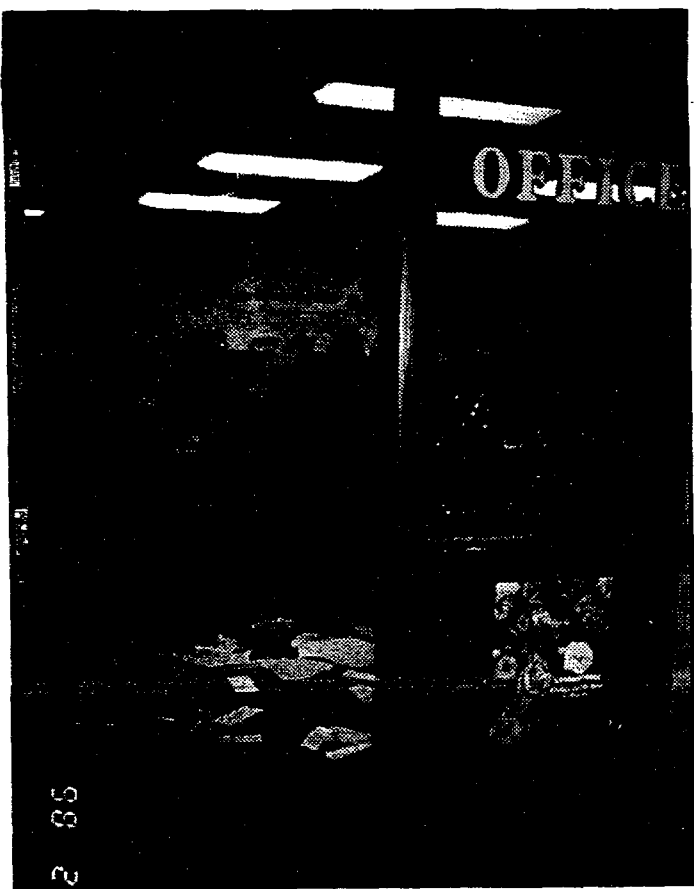
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WEEKEND BREAK-IN -- A broken window shows how vandals gained entry to the GMS main office.

Middle School broken into, suspect is apprehended

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

A trombone and a compact disc player were recovered after the Grayling Middle School was broken into.

Middle school maintenance engineer, Jeff Kolka, discovered evidence of a breaking and entering on the south side of the building and reported the discovery to the Grayling Police Department on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Investigating officer Darrell Earls found the media center was vandalized and books were strewn around the room. The vandal or vandals had attempted to break into the center's office, but were unsuccessful.

Further investigation showed that the main office had also been broken into.

Items that were stolen, besides the trombone and compact disc

player, were two sets of dictation headphones, cash estimated at \$100 and other miscellaneous items.

The Grayling Police Department was assisted by Crawford County Deputy Paul Smith, who provided information about a possible suspect, stemming from an unrelated investigation.

As a result of cooperation between deputies assigned to Probate Court and the GPD, a suspect was apprehended and most of the property taken was recovered.

Arrested was a 17 year-old male, whose name is being withheld pending arraignment. According to Officer Earls, two juveniles, a 16 year-old male and a 14 year-old female, were allegedly involved in the incident and will be cited into the Probate Court in the near future.

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County Board throws out flag election, calls another

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Due to a variety of complaints on how the special balloting process went to select a new flag logo for Crawford County, Crawford County Commission Chair John Hartman Tuesday invalidated the vote tally. "There were 59 ballots cast and only 37 voters signed to receive ballots" he said, as he began his explanation at the Feb. 24 commission meeting as to why the vote was thrown out. "We have also received several other complaints, such as not dis-

playing all of the flag designs equally; one was a photo copy and the others were shown in original form. Another questioned why we had the names of the artists and not a number. We want to correct that and more. "It bothers me when we want to do something so right and it turns out differently," he said. Hartman then called for a motion to take steps to hold the election again, this time setting out what terms and conditions would be followed so the voting process would be fair to all concerned.

Here's how the new rules shape up: The special ballot election for a new county flag will be held March 5 and 6 at the Crawford County Building in Grayling. Ballots will be available under the following conditions:

- 1) The voter is able to sign for a ballot and execute that ballot.
- 2) There will be no new designs taken.
- 3) Those currently on display will be those voted upon.
- 4) A sign-up sheet will be provided and the ballots will correspond with the numbered signatures on the sign-up sheet.

5) There will be no age barrier as long as all portions of special election standards are met.
6) The voter must understand that the original design of the flag may be altered to be made presentable in flag form.
7) Votes must be cast between 8:30 - 4:30 on March 5 or March 6. Ballots will be counted and the results of this special ballot will be announced at the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on March 10.

State Rep. Allen Lowe ponders life after Legislature

by Rachelle Y. Julien
Capital News Service

LANSING — It's his final year as state representative for House District 105 and Allen L. Lowe has so many things he's interested in doing after his term, he hasn't decided which direction to take. "I'd like to do something to stay in the [Grayling] area," the Grayling Republican said.

Outage leaves 6,000 powerless

At approximately 6:25 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, about 6,000 Top O' Michigan Electric Company customers experienced an outage that lasted anywhere from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours.

According to Dave Guzniczak, Communications Director for Top O' Michigan, a major transmission line, supplied by Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, went down due to equipment failure, affecting both the Lovells and Johannesburg substations.

Guzniczak reports that at 7:48 p.m. about 4,000 customers saw their power restored and the remaining 2,000 had electricity by 9:51 p.m.

On an evening when weather conditions were cold and a rain/snow mixture was falling, Guzniczak stated that he was not sure if the weather had anything to do with the outage.

teaching political science or pre-law at a community college, or working in the tourism industry are all ideas he's considering.

Lowe said he probably wouldn't leave office this year if it weren't for term limits.

"I would probably stay a total of 10 years." Sixty-five representatives leave the House this year due to a 1992 constitutional amendment limiting representatives to three two-year terms. Lowe said he got into politics, "to be sure whoever represented us really cared about northern Michigan."

In the six years he's been in office Lowe is most proud of Proposal C,

which was on the 1996 ballot. Proposal C protects the Veterans Trust Fund from being raided by the state.

For the remainder of his term Lowe has a couple of things he's working on. A nine-bill package was introduced in the House last week to require the 83 gun boards in Michigan to have the same regulations on who can legally carry a gun. Lowe plans on it being out of the House and in place by summer.

"We just want to make [gun regulation] even for everyone," he said.

The swamp tax, which gives counties money for state owned land for law enforcement and other maintenance, is another Lowe project.

About 70 percent of Crawford County is state land. The bill would raise the \$2 per acre the state pays to the county, set in 1986, to \$3.86.

Lowe has served on several committees over the years. He's been involved with the Tourism Committee and the Senior Citizens and Veteran

Affairs Committee, where he's the top-ranking Republican. He's also on the Forestry and Mineral Rights Committee for the first time this year.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright is working with Lowe on a bill to transfer 57 acres of state land to the township for a park.

"He's a great guy to work with," said Wright. "He's been very good for this county. We are able to have faster access to him than previous representatives."

Rep. Allen L. Cropsey (R-DeWitt) and Lowe worked together on the concealed weapons bill.

"Allen Lowe has got to be one of the most thoughtful legislators we have here. Not just in kindness in the way he approaches people, but in the depths of his thought," Cropsey said.

While working on the weapons bill, Lowe "really seemed to have a keen sense of the pulse of what people were thinking," Cropsey said.

"He's a man of very strong principles and character; he's incorruptible," Cropsey concluded.

New cardiologist joins Mercy's medical staff

Grayling Mercy Hospital has announced the addition of Luay Sayed, M.D., Cardiologist, to its medical staff.

Dr. Sayed received his medical degree from the University of Aleppo in Syria. He completed an internship in internal medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and a residency in internal medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Sayed then completed a fellowship in vascular

medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and a fellowship in cardiology at Loyola University Medical Center.

Dr. Sayed is a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and is board eligible in cardiovascular diseases. He is a partner with the Grand Traverse Heart Institute and holds regular office hours at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

City Council approves extension of Christmas decorations contract

by Staff Writer

Grayling's municipal Christmas decorations will remain pretty much as they have been for the next two years, under a contract approved Monday night (Feb. 23) with the firm that has been furnishing the decorations for the past few years.

The contract for 1998 and 1999 holiday lighting went again to Meredith Display Service, a division of Kenmark, Inc., of Buckley, for \$2,925 per year.

That figures out to \$65 per lighted fixture, with 45 fixtures.

The Meredith firm supplies the decorations on a five-year rotation basis, so they change from year to year, according to City Manager Jerry Morford.

Decorations are to go up on or before Nov. 30 — but in time for the annual Grayling Christmas Walk — and taken down "as soon as practicable" after Jan. 1.

However, council members agreed to look at extending the Christmas decoration area, perhaps by 10 new installations or so — if the money is there to add wiring, switches, connections and any other items needed to add more decorations.

Morford suggested the council take up the matter during preparation of the city budget, to be adopted before July 1. There would be time to order additional fixtures if the

council approves the cost for added decorations.

Mayor Ralph Stevens suggested the council may want to look at another 10 holiday fixtures.

"They make our town look better," commented Council Member Bob Ruddy. "If we take this little by little, maybe we can get it all done."

Decorations now go along the South I-75 Bypass, and in most of the downtown district north of the river.

What's missing is a stretch north along James St., around City Hall.

Council Member Bob Golnick estimated the cost "the last time we did this" was about \$250 or so per light pole to add wiring, connections and other preparations.

Other than the Christmas decoration contract, official business at the Feb. 23 city council meeting was brief and routine. The meeting lasted 19 minutes.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Most of us would be content with our lot, if we had a lot.

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; Foot Clinic, by appointment on the 25th; BP's taken on the 26th from 11 to noon; and Share pick-up from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Latter Day Saints Church on N. Down River Rd.

Special note: Sunday Brunch on March 1st with chipped beef on toast from 10 to 1 p.m. We are starting a Euchre club on Tuesdays at 12:30; come one, come all! Also, anyone out there that likes to play Bridge, please give us a call because we always need a fourth and if we get enough "fourths" there will be another table! Give us a buzz at 348-7123 for either card game. Commodities from 10 to 11 at the Free Methodist Church on M-72 W; BK Bingo at 12:30 on the 4th; Lucky 7 Casino trip on the 5th and Travelogue at the HS on Eastern & Orient Express; Share sign-up from 10 to 2; Video on

the 10th at 12:30; "Medicare & You" Birthday luncheon and "Fun Fest" on the 11th. RSVP White Elephant Auction at 5:30 on the 11th, as well; Blood pressures taken on the 12th from 11 until noon. Pancake Brunch on the 15th from 10 to 1.

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County commissioners proclaim Roger Weatherly Day

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ROGER WEATHERLY DAY -- March 21 will be officially Roger Weatherly Day in Crawford County. John Hartman, chair of the Crawford County Commission, presents the county's proclamation to Lee Riley, Beaver Creek supervisor, where Weatherly is a fireman. Photo by Shirley Schmooch.

by Shirley D. Schmooch
Special Writer

Lee Riley, Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, appeared before the Crawford County Board of

Commissioners last week (Feb. 12) to request that March 21 be proclaimed Roger Weatherly Day.

"As you're all aware, a fine, very nice young man — one of Beaver

Creek's firemen, Roger Weatherly — has been diagnosed with leukemia and needs the community's help. He and his wife Cindy have two children, and their life is on hold right now. But, there are some good things coming out of all of this," Riley said.

"Roger's sister, Dawn (Burke) is a perfect match for a bone marrow transplant. Fortunately, many of the medical expenses are being taken care of by state and federal programs. But, many of his everyday expenses are not being met, and that's why we're having a benefit dinner on March 21 to try and raise money for the family.

"We've asked ourselves over and over — why Roger? He's given so much to the community and the county by his service above self. Who knows, maybe that's the way it is sometimes," said Riley.

"But, I'm here today to ask that all of you participate in some way to help this young man and his family. The township supervisors are all planning to help at the dinner, and I believe a large number of students are helping, too.

"So, if you could set aside March 21 as Roger Weatherly Day, that would be wonderful."

Commissioner Dennis Long offered the formal motion by asking that the Board "proclaim, in view of unselfish service to the community, to Beaver Creek, and to a larger extent — Crawford County — March 21 as Roger Weatherly Day."

The vote was unanimous and Commissioner Bruce Bretzke said "on behalf of myself and the citizens of the 6th District, I'll be at the benefit to lend support and do whatever needs to

be done."

Tickets for the March 21 benefit dinner may be secured at: Citizen's Bank, Chemical Bank, Pizza Hut, Northland Area Credit Union, A Cut Above, and Davis Jewelers — all of Grayling.

Tickets may also be found at Charlie's County Corners at I-75 and 4-Mile, and the Beaver Creek Township Hall. Cash and green slip donation canisters are conveniently placed around the area, and larger donations may be mailed to Traci Nelson at Chemical Bank of Grayling.

Tickets for the event are \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mar. 21.

Grayling Guard to stay out of Iraq

Concluded from pg. A-1 said "the 1438th Engineer Detachment is now with the 507th Engineer Battalion out of Wyoming. And, the 1071st Maintenance Company has become a part of the 746th Maintenance Battalion out of Lansing.

"The only Camp Grayling unit now on active deployment is the 745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD). This unit is conducting range clearing operations in Panama." The 745th, Lamie said, has been assigned to Ft. Clayton in Panama and the unit is involved with detonating "old bombs that may have been left behind."

County Court Struggles

Concluded from pg. A-1 saying "there are four commissioners here today, and they all seem to agree. We don't want this process impeded by Crawford County." Black wound it up tight. "I'm confident," she said, "that we'll all be committed to resolving this matter by our March 10 meeting."

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DISTRICT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS -- (front row, left to right) Sonya Saladine, Amy Stevenson, Heidie Wallace, Jessie Becks, Tasha Carlisle, Tiffany Ruark. (second row, left to right) William Armstrong, Deanna Fleischmann, Angie Fisher, Danielle McClain, Leanna Mathews, Michelle Salyers, Colleen Dale. (third row, left to right) Becky Hunt, Gwen Seifert, Natalie Kent, Brandy Plutko, Amy Martella, Tricia Griesemer. (back row, left to right) Erin Scott, Neil Jozsa, Ryan Gaffke, Joe Hughes, Matt Thomas, Tim Ormsbee, Carrie Hellebuyck.

Grayling band members receive Division I ratings

Grayling High School Band members returned from the February 14 District Solo and Ensemble Festival with excellent ratings.

GHS students received Division I ratings in 25 out of 34 events at the day long music festival held at Kalkaska High School. The high ratings have earned the band members places in the state competition to be held in St. Ignace this spring.

Professionally trained judges rated the students in many areas of proficiency including tone, technique and rhythm.

The following students received Division I ratings, qualifying them for state competition:

Jessica Becks, flute solo, saxophone quartet and flute trio; Amy Martella, flute solo and trio; Angie Fisher, piano solo and French horn duet; Brooke Ginter, brass quintet; Sara Engen, brass quintet and trumpet solo; Erin Scott, brass quintet, trumpet duet and French horn solo; Joe Hughes, brass quintet; Tim Ormsbee, brass quintet and tuba solo.

Natalie Kent, oboe duet; Becky Hunt, oboe solo and duet; Heidie Wallace, clarinet solo and trio; Gwen Seifert, clarinet solo and trio; Sonya Saladine, clarinet trio; Colleen Dale, clarinet solo; Jeanna Mathews, French

horn duet; Matt Thomas, trumpet solo; Ryan Gaffke, saxophone quartet and alto sax solo; Carrie Hellebuyck, saxophone quartet.

Brandy Plutko, baritone sax solo, flute solo and saxophone quartet; Tiffany Ruark, alto sax solo; Krys Rugenstein, flute solo and duet; Deanna Fleischmann, flute solo and duet; Danielle McClain, trumpet duet.

Students who earned either Division I or Division II ratings earned honorary medals.

These students earned Division II ratings:

Krys Rugenstein, piccolo solo; Amy Stevenson, flute solo; Brooke Ginter, trumpet trio; Sara Engen, trumpet trio; Danielle McClain, trumpet trio; Tricia Griesemer, tenor sax solo and saxophone duet; Tasha Carlisle, flute duet; Amy Stevenson, flute duet; Michelle Salyers, sax duet; Tiffany Ruark, flute solo; Neil Jozsa, trombone solo.

"The many hours of practice, preparation and rehearsal were rewarded and acknowledged by all on Saturday. Each GHS band student should be very happy with their performance and we, as members of the community, should be proud of these talented young people, and acknowledge this great achievement," said band director Dennis Ormsbee.

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Last resort may not be final

WHEN THREE top Clinton Administration officials went to an Ohio campus the other day to defend America's role in the Middle East, echoes reverberated from the past.

It seemed like the *deja vu* of Kent State and Vietnam, all over again.

The Washington bigwigs faced a sometimes noisy and antagonistic audience at Ohio State University as they talked about the latest Iraq showdown.

As in most noisy demonstrations in front of television cameras, the dissenters were far outnumbered by those who agreed with the Clinton position.

But the anti-war voice was much louder, and commanded all the attention.

In a nutshell, the Clinton position seems to be that Iraq President Saddam Hussein must permit unconditional inspection for biological and chemical weapons... or the U.S. as a last resort will send bombers to destroy as many of them as they can find.

But is that the right thing for us to do? Ah, there's the rub.

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, secretary of state, spoke of the

nobility of America's role as an agent of peace by use of arms. She said America is "serving the role of the indispensable nation to see what we can do to make the world safer for our children and grandchildren and for those people around the world who follow the rules."

That sounds suspiciously like the traditional "policeman of the world" function.

The Ohio visit was set up by the Clinton team to show public support for action in Iraq. Polls indicate most Americans back military action if needed.

CNN, which is seen worldwide even in Iraq — reportedly, Saddam Hussein is a regular viewer — was given exclusive rights to handle and broadcast the Ohio "town meeting." The picture that emerged does not emphasize American solidarity against Saddam, but rather highlighted the depth of opposition.

It can only give further resolve to Saddam and his pals to hang tough.

WHAT'S THE RIGHT thing to do about Iraq's vile weaponry? It's not a clear-cut issue.

If the U.S. sends bombers, there certainly will be casualties.

Although the design is to bomb only military installations and arms depots, the raids cannot be that precise. Civilians will be killed, along with Iraqi military personnel; Some Americans will die, too.

Is the cause worth all that bloodshed?

Will results of the bombing be meaningful? It's doubtful all biological and chemical weaponry would be destroyed. Even if it were, Saddam can make more, if that's what he wants to do, and the question will come back again. Bombing now does not provide a permanent solution.

What about equity and fairness? Certainly Iraq is not the only nation with chemical and biological arms. Our own country probably has some stored away somewhere — or at least, we have the ability to produce them, as do other countries. Why single out Iraq for bombing?

Is the danger of Iraq using gas and germs imminent? He has used them before in some internal battles, and perhaps even in Desert Storm. If the danger is imminent, why don't his neighbors cheer louder at the prospect of American military intervention?

Has diplomacy failed... or instead, has it just not succeeded yet? Is it hopeless to continue non-military negotiation? Are we really near the point of last resort?

THESE ARE not easy questions, nor are the answers easy either. The Ohio State dissenters do not stand alone, and vocal opposition to Clinton militarism may be encouraged by the exposure it received in Ohio.

In February 1955, the United States began sending military advisers to train South Vietnamese soldiers.

In February 1973 — 18 years later — North Vietnam began releasing U.S. soldiers held as prisoners of war.

Deja vu in February 1998? Probably not. The situations are not the same.

But this particular history, coupled with the echoes from Ohio, provides sobering food for thought.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

NOTES FROM LANSING

Dead animals on the highway become live issue in Lansing

By DAVID FLEET
Capital News Service

Road kill is a live issue in Lansing.

A bill introduced last year by Rep. Larry DeVuyst, R-Ithaca, creating a special "white-tailed deer" plate to fund road-kill cleanup will go before a House committee this spring.

"Road kill is a huge burden on local road commissions and creates serious safety and health issues," DeVuyst said. "Especially during the spring and fall our highways are covered with them."

According to Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials, more than 30,000 dead carcasses litter Michigan roads each year.

"In Delta County alone we spent almost \$30,000 in 1997 to pick up and dispose of road kill," said Andy Trim, Delta County Road Commission supervisor. "We need to spend time plowing and fixing roads, rather than picking up dead animals."

In a companion bill, introduced by Rep. Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa, private contractors authorized by the DNR will be allowed to bid on road-kill cleanup.

"There are people out there making a living at picking up road kill," Geiger said. "However, the DNR must oversee the proper disposal of

the carcass. It can become a serious health issue."

The DNR, however, opposes the bill, contending that it would expand the agency's responsibilities to include highway safety, care and maintenance tasks for highway departments.

The bill also would expose the DNR to extra liability based upon accidents and injuries related to alleged improper or untimely removal of animal carcasses, the DNR said in a statement.

If Michigan's 83 counties, currently only Shiawassee and Kent privatize road-kill cleanup.

"The pickup program works great," said Shiawassee County Undersheriff Keith Kewish. "We pay about \$12 per deer carcass for removal and disposal."

More than 600 deer were removed from Shiawassee County roads during 1997.

"The license plate fund will assist counties that fund extensive road kill cleanup," DeVuyst said. "And with over two million deer in the state, it's just about everyone."

Several specialty license plates are available in Michigan. However, only the one promoting the Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, supports a non-transportation cause.

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PARENTS OF TODDLERS SPEAK OUT

Why child passenger safety should be top priority

by U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham and Jane Abraham

Consider for a moment a few alarming statistics. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 14 and under, accounting for more than 40 percent of all unintentional injury-related deaths. In 1995, nearly 1,400 child occupants ages 14 and under died in motor vehicle crashes. In 1996, more than 305,000 children ages 14 and under were injured as occupants in motor vehicle-related crashes.

As motor vehicle safety features are designed for the comfort and protection of an adult-sized body, children are particularly at risk from death and injury as occupants in automobiles. However, child safety seats and safety belts, when correctly used and installed, can prevent injury and save lives. In fact, it is estimated that properly used child restraints in motor vehicles can reduce the chance of serious or fatal injury in a collision by a factor of 71% for infants and 54% for children ages four and under.

This year, February 8-14 was Child Passenger Safety Week. As the parents of three small children, this is an issue that is near and dear to our hearts. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories have safety belt use laws in effect. However, over the last decade new designs for auto seating positions have emerged that make it more difficult to install child restraints. Understanding which seat is age and size appropriate and knowing how to install that seat can be confusing for parents. In fact, results from regional child restraint clinics demonstrated between 70 and 90% of child restraints are

incorrectly installed or otherwise misused.

This is one reason I have introduced in the Senate the Child Passenger Protection Act. This legislation would provide \$7.5 million to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the purpose of awarding grants to State highway agencies and organizations which promote important safety information on the use of car seats. We believe the Child Passenger Protection Act, by encouraging the widespread distribution of injury prevention tips, can help in the effort to save children's lives from car crashes.

For instance, it is crucial all parents know to restrain children ages 12 and under in the back seat. It is estimated that children ages 12 and under are 36 percent less likely to die in a crash if seated in the back of a passenger vehicle. Infants, until at least one year old and at least 20 pounds, should be in a rear-facing child safety seat. Never put a rear-facing car seat in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag. Read all child safety seat instruction manuals and motor vehicle owner manuals for directions on proper installation. Some vehicles require installation of supplemental hardware, such as a locking clip, to ensure proper fit of child safety seats.

For further information on child passenger safety, parents and caregivers can receive a free video and brochure about how to use car seats and safety belts correctly through a special toll-free number established by the National SAFE KIDS Campaign by calling 1-800-441-

1888. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also has a Auto Safety Hotline, 1-800-424-9393, that parents can contact to inquire about any recalls or safety notices on child safety seats.

We hope all parents will take the time to join our family in making certain all children are buckled up safely and correctly, not just during Child Passenger Safety Week, but for the rest of this year and beyond.

Senator Spencer Abraham and his wife Jane have three children under the age of 5. Mrs. Abraham is also the Honorary Chairperson of the Metro Detroit SAFE KIDS Coalition.

Senate bills seek to move school voting

A three-bill package aimed at increasing voter turn-out when school board seats and school issues are on the ballot was approved by the Senate, said two of the sponsors — state Senators Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) and George McManus (R-Traverse City).

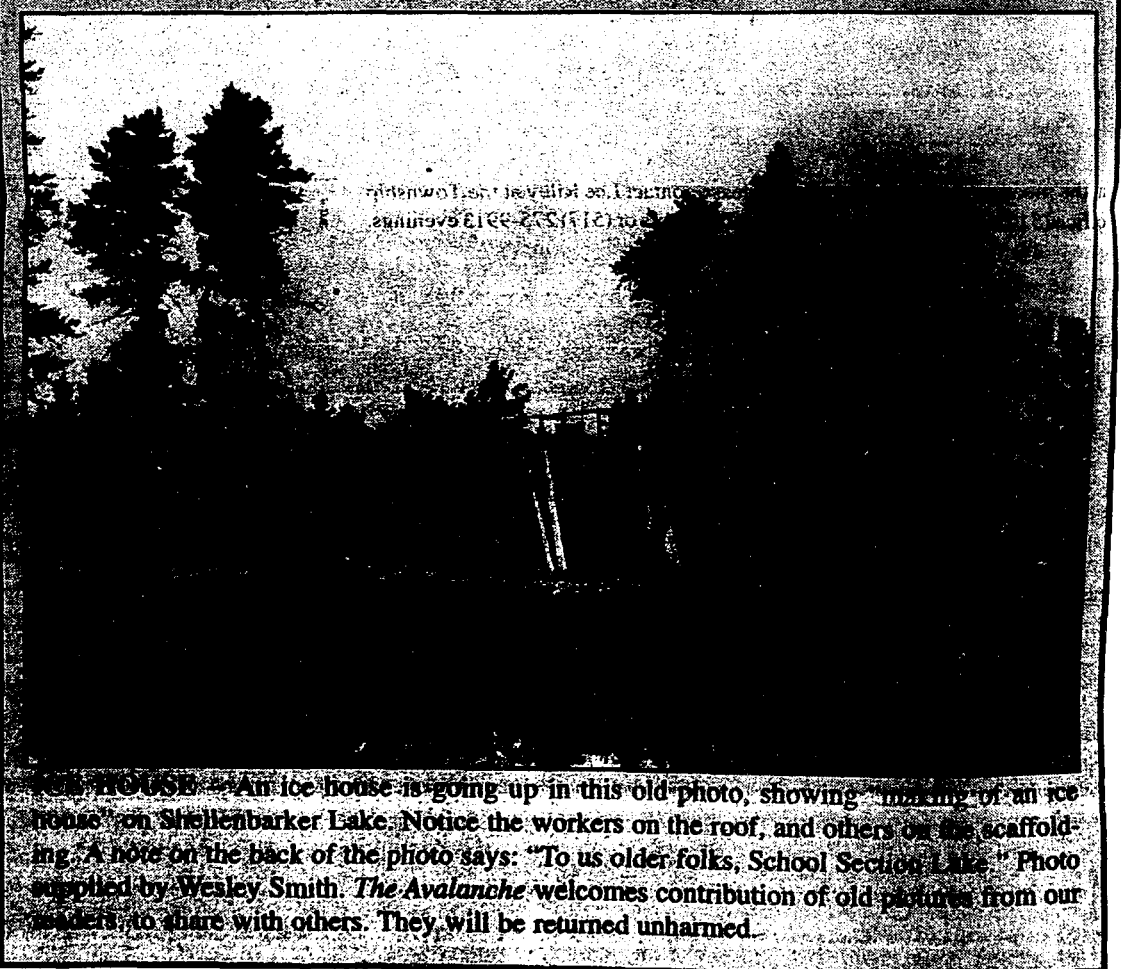
"We need to make it more convenient for parents to exercise their right to vote on important educational issues," Bennett said. "Decisions such as who serves on the school board or what ballot questions to adopt, should not be made by a small segment of the community."

Since 1995, voter turnout for school elections in Wayne County has reflected a statewide trend toward ultra-low numbers — an estimated 4.45 percent in one Wayne County school district alone. In McManus' northern Michigan area, several districts experienced turnout of less than 3 percent.

"When school elections are held separately, voter turnout is abysmally low," McManus said. "By combining them with local and state elections, we anticipate drawing more people to the poll and increasing public input. Elections should be held at the time to cultivate turnout, not circumvent it."

The package of bills — Senate 202, 207 and 224 — would consolidate school elections to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April, the August primary and the November general election. Schools are also allowed to hold elections simultaneously with local government elections.

Historically Speaking



HOUSE — An ice house is going up in this old photo, showing "making of an ice house" on Shellenbarker Lake. Notice the workers on the roof, and others on the scaffolding. A note on the back of the photo says: "To us older folks, School Section 14." Photo supplied by Wesley Smith. The Avalanche welcomes contribution of old photos from our readers; no share with others. They will be returned unharmed.

Betty asks...

Question of the week:
Have you been watching the Olympics? What did you think about them this year?



Barbra Porter
Higgins Lake, MI

"Yes, well I think that they work very hard to go there, and when they fall it's heartbreaking. I didn't like it when I found out who won before they skated."



Greg Gothro
Grayling, MI

"Well, a little bit, I think they are great. I like the downhill skiing the best, because they have the greatest wipe outs."



Jennie Lech
Grayling, MI

"No, I haven't been watching the Olympics, I like figure skating. But I'm not around when they skate."



Nancy Schwalm
St. Helen, MI

"I would like to, but I haven't had the opportunity, when I can I enjoy it."

There you have it...I was disappointed you knew what was happening before your saw what was happening.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

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BRIEFS

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

American Red Cross Grayling Community Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, March 4, 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Grayling American Legion. All blood types are needed, especially Type "O". Seniors are welcome.

The Grayling Garden Club to meet

Please come & make friends with The Grayling Garden Club. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Court House Basement at 7 p.m. Our project this year is to plant flowers at Hanson Hills. Any questions, please call Lynn at 348-5426

Last chance for royal mandarins

This is your last chance to order delicious royal mandarins (also known as temple oranges) this season. Sweet honey tangerines and juicy pink grapefruits are also available.

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Prices range from 40 to 65 cents per pound in half-case and/or full-case quantities. Orders are being accepted at 348-4845 or 348-5826 until Thursday, March 5. Proceeds benefit Grayling SDA School at Camp AuSable.

Zonta Club offers scholarships

The Zonta Club of Roscommon Area announces availability of a \$300 scholarship. The scholarship will be given to a woman who is presently attending or returning to college for the Spring and Fall semester. It is specifically for a woman who is interested in learning new skills or enhancing present skills in order to obtain employment. Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid office at Kirtland Community College or by calling: Francele Hagerty at (517) 275-6174 or by contacting any member of Zonta Club of Roscommon County Area. Applications must be received by April 15.

Michelson to celebrate renovation

March 15 will be the date of the first worship service in our newly renovated Sanctuary and addition.

There will be only one service at 10 a.m. with District Superintendent, Jeff Regan in attendance to help dedicate the new building and organ to God's Glory from the Michelson congregation.

Plan to arrive early so that you can view the new addition and then take the elevator to the Sanctuary for the special service. Following the services, there will be a coffee hour sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Lions Lucky 13 winner for week seven is Robert Paulsen, Jr. of Grayling. He won \$100.

Beaver Creek Picnic Committee to meet

The Beaver Creek Township Picnic Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling. Anyone interested in helping on the Picnic Committee should attend. If you can't be at the meeting and still want to help please contact Lee Riley at the Township office (517) 275-8878 during regular office hours or (517) 275-9913 evenings. The township looks forward to an even bigger and better picnic this year, on Aug. 15.

Community Blood drive set for March 4

A Grayling Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 4, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at The Grayling American Legion. This would be a great time to start donating blood. It is a rewarding way to give back to your community.

The only requirements are to be 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds. Seniors are encouraged to donate. If you have questions about medicines or health conditions, nurses will be on site to answer them.

Pre-Festival Choral Concert changed

The Middle and High School Pre-festival choral concert date has been changed to Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Four Middle and High School choirs will present their festival concert pieces. The public is welcome, there is no charge.

Promise Keepers meeting set

Attention Promise Keepers — Men of Integrity. This month's meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 28 at Lake Margrethe Full Gospel Church on James St. in Grayling (located behind the BP gas station). Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. All men are welcome.

Camp's Rep to visit Grayling

A representative from Congressman Dave Camp will be visiting the Grayling Community Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 29. Brent Neubecker will be meeting constituents between 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss any federal issue or matter.

The Grayling Community Chamber of Commerce is located on 213 South James Street. If you are unable to attend but wish to discuss a federal matter, please call 1-800-342-2455.

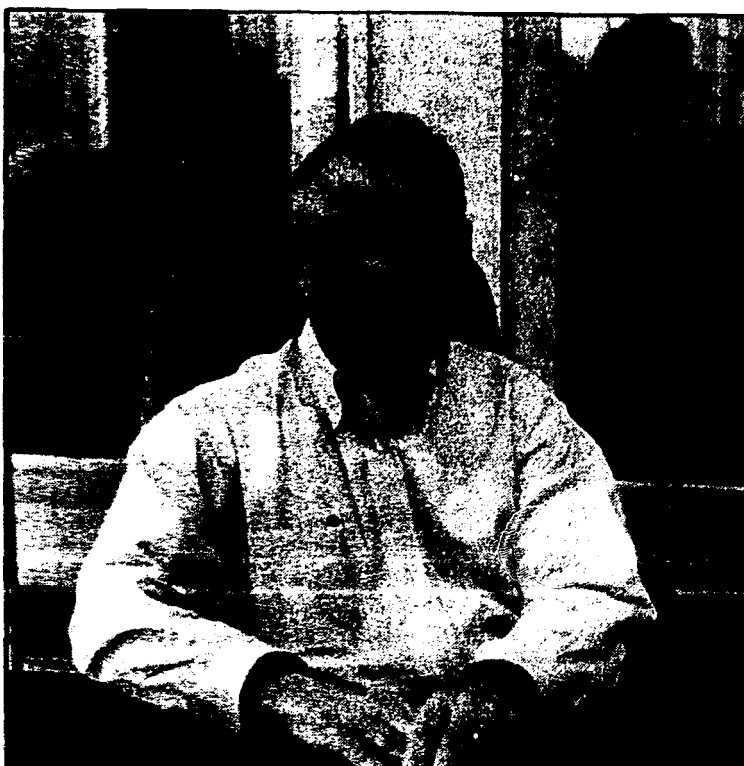
NARFE to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305 will meet on Thursday, March 5 at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal of District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses.

Zonta Club offers scholarships

The Roscommon County Area Zonta Club, which is an International Professional Women's organization, is once again offering scholarships to young women in our local high schools. One female high school student attending Grayling High School, Houghton Lake High School and Roscommon High School will be awarded \$500 each. They may obtain application from their high school counselors office.

Applicants must complete the applications and return to: Scholarship Committee, Zonta Club of Roscommon County Area, P.O. Box 30, Roscommon, Mich., 48653. The deadline for receiving applications is April 15. Scholarships recipients will be announced by May 5.



NEW PRESIDENT -- Jerry Gosnell was recently elected president of the United Way of Crawford County.

United Way elects officers and board members

United Way of Crawford County elected officers and board members at their February meeting, held at Citizens Bank on February 20, 1998. Jerry Gosnell of Re-Max will serve as president. Paul Thompson was re-elected as vice-president. Judy Woodland will continue to serve as secretary and Linda Golinick as treasurer.

Board members re-appointed for another term are: Diana Stubbe, Linda Golinick, Bill Gannon and Judy Woodland. Other board members include: Bill Borchers, Sandy Briney, Jim Briney, Marianne Gosnell, Rev. Jacquie Guernsey, Gloria Kraus and Jeanette Kitchen.

Board members and officers meet monthly to keep track of fund raising efforts and allocations to the 18 agencies providing service to the people of Crawford County.

The all volunteer board is responsible for reaching the goal to raise \$80,000. Sufficient funds have been raised, to date, to pay the amounts promised to each United Way agency, for this quarter. However, an additional \$13,000 has yet to be raised to make the goal of the campaign.

The Avalanche and Gannon Broadcasting Systems, based in Crawford County, are helping to educate and inform the public of the need for United Way. Donations to United Way of Crawford County are still needed and may be sent to: United Way of Crawford County, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, Michigan, 49738. Your gifts to United Way support services and activities in Crawford County and are tax deductible.

HOMETOWN NEWS

On Feb. 6, 1998, Jackie Iva Chance was surprised when her mother, Eileen Gaertner, two brothers: Jim and Tom May, both of Bridgeport; two sisters: Nancy Giltrop of Saginaw and Sally Mikula of Cheasaning all came to help her celebrate her 60th birthday along with her children and grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream and a nice visit. She received many cards and gifts.

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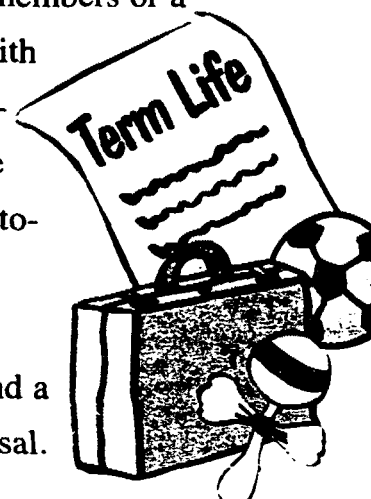
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| FRI 27 | • GO TO YOUR FAVORITE FISH FRY |
| SAT 28 | • PROMISE KEEPERS breakfast-location to be announced by Neil Michal @ Wolohan |
| SUN 1 | • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. |
| MON 2 | • KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • FRESH BBB vs. Gaylord, home, 6:30 pm. • AP/GE parents group meeting @ AuSable Primary, 6:30 pm |
| TUES 3 | • GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON JOINT MEETING @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm • ADHA parents support group meeting 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. Call 517-732-3529 for more information • NORTH CENTRAL AREA CHAPTER #19 meeting, State Employee Retirees Association, @ the Houghton Lake Community Building, 2 pm. |
| WED 4 | • ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. • MS PLAY CASTING • BLOOD DRIVE @ American Legion 12 noon - 6 pm |

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The name Michigan Emergency Volunteers (MEV) may not be a familiar one to the general public, but the organization has quietly formed to provide certain state emergency and local community services.

The MEV has been formed under a state law, and if ordered by Governor Engler, can assume active duty status. According to Col. Melvin "Pat" Nunn, Northern Regimental Commander, "the emergency force could become active if the Michigan National Guard were called into active federal service."

Col. Nunn said, "Some of the missions the force could be assigned include providing assistance in the maintenance and close of National Guard garrisons, accounting of state owned property, and assuming all state functions of the National Guard including security of vital defense installations." He also pointed out that the organization could be charged with the responsibility of providing certain military support and assistance to civil authorities.

Eight regiments have been authorized to form throughout Michigan with the Seventh Regiment headquartered at Grayling. Maj. Jack Rasmussen said, "As the name implies, volunteers receive no remuneration but there is personal satisfaction one gets from serving the state and community." "When a member is ordered to active state duty, pay is provided," he said.

"Although the MEV has been activated and personnel are carrying out some responsibilities, most of the regiments presently have openings in many positions," said Maj. Rasmussen.

He commented that membership in the Michigan Emergency Volunteers is voluntary and open to any citizen of the State of Michigan,

male or female, eighteen years or older, who, at the time of joining is not a current member of an active or reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, or has orders to report as a member of the mobilization force.

Rasmussen indicated that interested citizens can contact him at 124 West Drive, Grayling, MI 49738, telephone (517) 348-9302. Additional information can be obtained from MEV Headquarters at 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48913-5101, telephone (517) 483-5661.

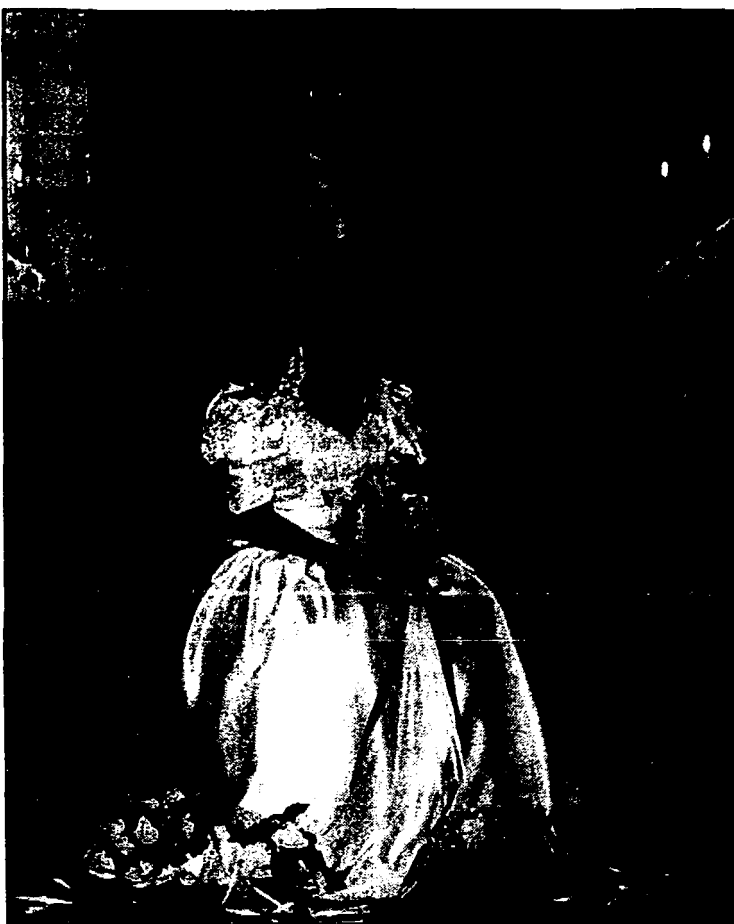
Family Physician nominees sought

The Michigan Academy of Family Physicians is again seeking nominations from the general public for Michigan's Family Physician of the Year.

Nominees must meet four criteria: 1) Must be an active member of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians; 2) Must spend at least 50 percent of his/her time in patient care; 3) Must maintain hospital and office practices; and 4) Must participate in community affairs.

Nominations must be submitted in written form noting the reasons you believe your family doctor should receive the Family Physician of the Year award. A business photograph and current curriculum vitae must also be included with the nomination.

Nominations should be mailed to the MAFP headquarters office at 2164 Commons Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 1998.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Baker

December ceremony unites Debra Harris, Donald Baker

Debra Elaine Harris and Donald Roger Baker were united in marriage on Dec. 27, 1997, by Pastor Barnett at Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling.

Debra is the daughter of Kathleen and Edwin Harris of Grayling. Donald is the son of Pamela Baker and Walter Pietrzyk of Grayling and Dan and Kathleen Baker also of Grayling. Grandparents are Patricia Legg of Grayling, Marrianna Baker of Olivet and great-grandfather Louis Legg of Grayling.

The maid of honor was Dorothy Harris and the bridesmaids were: Kristina Harris, Leah Baker, Jennifer Harris and Angie Palmer, with Brittany Baker and Emily Minnick as flowergirls.

The best man was Joseph Koczimank and the groomsmen were: Paul Baker, Scott Baker, Todd Messerschmidt and Arnold Randall, with Kris Minnick as ring-bearer.

The reception was held at the Eagles Hall in Grayling.

The newlyweds are residing in their home on M-72 in Grayling.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Brian and Collen Shepherd of Grayling announce the arrival of Keegan Michael Shepherd born Jan. 30, 1998.

Nick and Jennifer Carpenter of Roscommon announce the arrival of Kayla Marie Carpenter born Feb. 3, 1998.

Kevin Calabrese and Stacey Bennett of Prudenville announce the arrival of Anthony Bennett born Feb. 7, 1998.

Scott and Nancy Asman of Luzerne announce the arrival of Leslie Anne Asman born Feb. 7, 1998.

Ronald and Amy Koenig of Roscommon announce the arrival of Ian Joseph Koenig born Feb. 8, 1998.

Gary and Stacy Young of Mio announce the arrival of Chase Michael Young born Feb. 9, 1998.

Jeff Searight and Kassie Inman of Grayling announce the arrival of Chase Michael Searight born Feb. 10, 1998.

Mark and Colleen DeBusschere of Grayling announce the arrival of Cassidy Paige DeBusschere born Feb. 12, 1998.

Booster Club to sponsor Vegas Night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is sponsoring a Las Vegas Night to be held Saturday, March 7 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Admission is \$5 and there will be a cash bar and light menu available. Price of admission includes \$2 worth of playing chips.

Games will include blackjack, roulette and a bang table.

The Booster Club Vegas Night is a fund raiser to benefit Crawford County youth.



HOSPITAL GIFT -- Presenting a gift from AuSable Shrine Club of Grayling and Roscommon are (from left) George Wilson, secretary; Frederick Burt, Potentate; and Steve Gaspar, past president.

Shriner's Hospital Mission celebrates 75th year; Local chapter donates to cause

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Past president of the AuSable Shrine Club of Grayling and Roscommon, Steve Gaspar, recently presented a check for \$1600 to the Potentate and Secretary of the Elf Khurafah Shrine. The donation will benefit the Shrine Hospitals.

The first Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children was established in 1920, and the following year, their Imperial Council voted to create a network of such hospitals. The yearly assessment in 1920 was \$2 for each Shriner.

In 1997, the budget for the Shrine's "World's Greatest Philanthropy" exceeded \$425 million, and the 22 hospitals serve 165,000 active patients. There are 19 orthopedic hospitals and three burn institutes — all continuing to provide expert medical care to children under the age of 18 for free.

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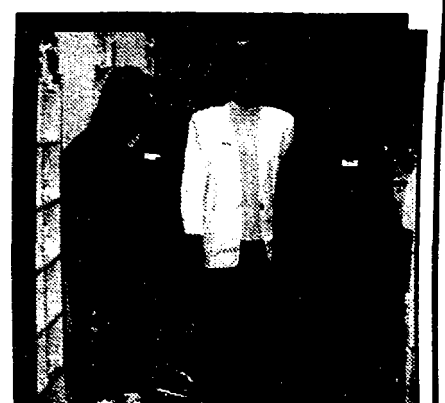
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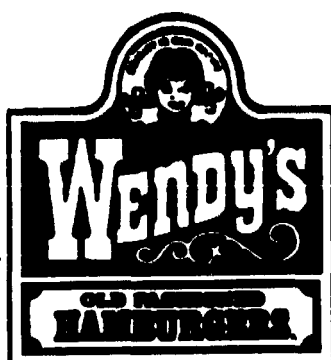
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Fluctuating temperatures weaken ice

Every year we hear the reports: "person trapped on ice floe after it separates from shore," but how often do we pay attention? Sheriff David Lovely thinks you should pay attention... it could save your life.

"The warmer temperatures, and especially the fluctuation in temperature can cause the ice to weaken," said the Sheriff. "so don't be deceived, even if the ice appears safe - you may really be skating on thin ice."

When temperatures do get cold enough for the water to freeze, winter sports enthusiasts should always check before venturing out onto ice. Ice can form in several different conditions, and some are more perilous than others. Clear ice is the strongest, formed by a long hard freeze, and can vary in color from green, blue and black depending on the water color beneath the ice. Frazil ice is usually the first type to form when temperatures drop, and is made up of disk shaped crystals which form a thin film, eventually forming a solid sheet of ice. Snow ice is milky looking and was formed from refrozen snow. Snow ice is low in density and porous and is very weak. Layered ice is just that, many layers of frozen and unfrozen snow, giving it a striped appearance.

Sheriff Lovely offers these tips to ice fishermen, snowmobilers, ice skaters, or anyone who goes out on the ice: Never go alone; test the ice with a spud every few feet - thickness can change in that short of a space; wear a life preserver or float-coat; attach a 20 - 25 foot long rope to your waist and let it drag behind you - it won't interfere and its something someone can grab should you fall through.

The notion that ice thickness is the only factor determining ice strength should be discarded once and for all, according to the Sheriff. "Thick ice does not necessarily mean safe ice," said Sheriff Lovely.

Because ice seldom freezes at the same rate in the same body of water, it is not uniformly thick from one location to another. Ice can be one foot thick in one location, and only one inch thick just ten feet away, according to experts.

New ice is usually stronger than old ice, and grows thicker and stronger during formation. But as ice decays, and many factors can cause this, it becomes unsafe even though it may appear thick. Some of the factors which can cause ice deterioration are: weather - spells of warmer, then colder temperatures like we've had lately, can cause melting and refreezing, weakening the ice; underground springs - many Michigan lakes are spring fed, and the warmer temperatures of the spring water can cause the ice to weaken from underneath; entrances of streams and dams can also cause the ice to be unstable in those locations; and a thick blanket of snow can actually insulate the surface against freezing, causing the ice to form more slowly or even deteriorate.

If you do break through the ice, there are some things you can do to avoid serious injury or death. First, try not to panic and thrash about. The air trapped in your clothing will help you float. Yell for help. Turn toward the direction that you came from. The ice is likely to be stronger there. Place your arms on the edge of the solid ice. Keys, a pocket knife, ice pick, or a belt buckle will help you grip the ice. You may want to carry a few large nails in an outside coat pocket for this purpose.

Once you have a grip on the ice, kick your legs hard and pull yourself up on the ice. If the ice breaks, move forward to try again. When you are out, do not stand up, but roll away from the break and stand only when you've reached solid ice. Go to a place of shelter and warm up immediately.

If you are attempting to rescue someone else who has fallen through the ice, follow these steps:

STAY CALM! Don't walk or run to the edge of the breakthrough or you risk becoming a victim, too.

Throw the victim a rope, or slide a long ladder, pole or sturdy branch. Always lie on your stomach and push the object out in front of you.

If there are other people available, form a chain by lying flat on your stomach and gripping the ankles of the person in front of you.

Once you have pulled the person from the water, seek shelter and try and warm them, and seek medical assistance.

"Please use extreme caution when on the ice this time of year," urges Sheriff Lovely.

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Community Education travel series visits the Orient

Next Thursday evening, March 5, the Community Education Program will present its fifth journey of the Travel and Adventure Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

When a jewel is placed into the perfect setting, the result is a magnificent blend of art and nature. Jewel and setting complement one another, each enhancing the other's beauty. And, so it is with the Eastern and Oriental Express and its journey along the luxuriant Malaysian Peninsula. Each is spectacular in its own right. Together they are beyond compare.

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Chrysler, dealers donate Caravan to KCC program

It is often said in education that people learn from hands-on experience. Chrysler Corporation and its nearly 4,700 dealers nationwide support that theory.

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"We're extremely happy to have joined Chrysler Corporation in donating this Caravan to the College so that the technicians enrolled there get all the educational advantages Chrysler and Kirtland have to offer," said Dave Petri, service manager at Scheer Motors. "In addition, this donation ensures that Chrysler owners will continue to receive the best automotive care possible when serviced by Chrysler trained technicians at dealerships nationwide."

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The adventure begins in Singapore, the gleaming city republic perched at the foot of the peninsula. This is a place that enthusiastically mixes the very old with the very new, East with West, a blending of cultures with modern exuberance.

The train will make stops in cities rich in tradition and mystery, cities whose sights and smells and sounds weave themselves into the truly exotic and unforgettable tapestry that is the essence of the Far East.

The Eastern and Oriental Express will glide to a stop under the domes and minarets of the fantastic train station in Kuala Lumpur, a fitting introduction to the rich and fascinating culture of the capital of Malaysia.

The final stop will be Bangkok, the vibrant and exotic capital of Thailand. This is a city of temples and palaces,

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Buddy Hatton, who will present the program, began his stage career at an early age by dancing his way into the hearts of millions on the "Our Gang" series. In the following thirty years he has continued to spread warmth and laughter to millions of radio listeners and television viewers in both the United States and Canada. However, he did take time out from his busy schedule of public appearances to earn a degree in English at the University of San Francisco.

He has been in almost every phase of the entertainment business, including radio, television, talent manager, commercial voice work, television game show host (Canada's version of the "American Band Stand" and "The Price is Right"). For two consecutive years Buddy was awarded the "Best Canadian Male Television Performer of the Year" (notwithstanding the fact that he is from the United States).

His outstanding stage presence and

voice have made him popular with many television sponsors, and he has done spot commercials for several large corporations including Delta Airlines and Standard Oil.

Hatton's cinematic skills have been further honed by such industry notables as editor Tom Martin (Star Wars and Raiders of the Lost Ark), sound man Jose Araujo, and production manager Larry Won (radio and television producer).

Glib, effervescent, with a perpetual gleam in his eye, Buddy Hatton brings to the stage a perfect blend of warmth, wit, and wisdom.

The Travel & Adventure Series is made possible with the support of Pick & Sons of Grayling. Tickets at \$4 for adult and \$3.50 for students and seniors may be purchased at the door. Group rates are also available by calling the Community Education Office at 348-7641 ext. 123 or 120.

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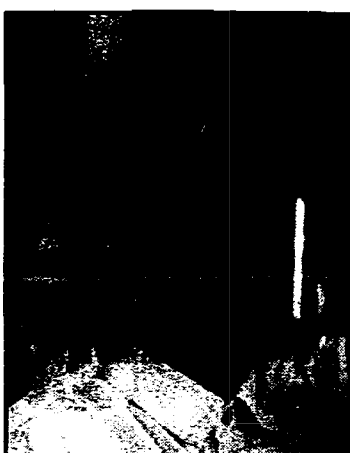
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Kimberly Ginther wins honors as Workforce 'Alumnus of the Year'

Kimberly Ginther of Grayling has been honored as an Alumnus of the Year by Michigan Works!, Michigan's Workforce Development Association. Ginther was nominated by Northeast Michigan Consortium, a Michigan Works! agency.

Ginther was honored on Jan. 29 at



Lisa Sajdak Radebaugh

'Who's Who' lists Lisa Radebaugh

Lisa Sajdak Radebaugh will be honored in the biennial edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, honor which selects five percent of America's best teachers.

Lisa was a Crawford County resident. She graduated from Grayling High School, and graduated from Central Michigan University.

Lisa started her teaching career in 1988 at Kalkaska. Then she taught in Nevada, Utah and for the past three years in Wisconsin.

Lisa is married to James Radebaugh and has two children, Victoria Patricia, 3, and Dane Preston, nine months.

Her parents are Patti Sajdak of Higgins Lake and Richard Sajdak of Frederic.

a special awards ceremony held at the state capitol in Lansing. She received a certificate of achievement signed by Gov. John Engler and presented by Lori Gay, an aide to Sen. George McManus. Ginther was one of only 27 Michigan Works! participants statewide chosen for recognition at the annual alumni celebration.

With the assistance of Northeast Michigan Consortium, Ginther was able to earn an associates degree in Applied Business Management from Kirtland Community College, and obtain employment with Deane Systems as an office manager. She no longer needs to rely on public assistance to help make ends meet.

The alumni celebration recognizes those individuals who--by hard work, determination, and the fierce will to be economically self-sufficient--have successfully entered the workforce. It is also a time to recognize the commitment and contribution of employers who have provided opportunities to those in search of a career.

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Kirtland Community College has named students to the President's and to the Dean's Honor Lists for the Fall Semester, 1997 (which ended in December). These lists are enclosed.

To be named to the President's List, students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintain a 3.800 to 4.00 grade point average for those hours.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must take a minimum of 12

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ALUMNUS OF YEAR -- Kimberly Ginther of Grayling has been honored as an Alumnus of the Year after completing a state workfare program and earning a degree at Kirtland. Taking part in the ceremony are (from left) Lori Gay of the office of Sen. George McManus, Janet Bean of Northeast Michigan Consortium, Kimberly Ginther, and her father, Gary Ginther of Deane Systems in Grayling.

credit hours and maintain a 3.400 to 3.799 grade point average for those hours.

Students from the surrounding area who made the President's list were as follows: Amanda Lee Bartenfelder, Lorlei Bassett, Renee M. Bell, Brenda L. Graham, Rhonda B. Hacker, Shirley A. Keesler, Susan A. McNally, Thomas Moua, Debra Near, Bethany Irene Pettyjohn, and Erick Glenn Skinner.

Students from the surrounding area

who made the Dean's list were as follows: Erica Ann Baker, Randall A. Britt, Sherrie A. Cole, James J. Crowell, Frank F. Diemert, Grace M. Galvani, Roberta J. Hood, Melanie R. Joles, Larura M. Jordan, Jessica L. Letts, Natascha N. McCuan, Kelly Jo McGillis, Joseph Moua, Rebecca L. Nelson, Matthew Nester, Katherine A. Newton, Rhonda E. Nielson, Kathryn D. Pratt, Jodi L. Shaltz, Lori K. Shepherd, Karrie A. Soleau, and Michalina J. Wargo.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Christopher Knight, author of *St. Helena*, will be at the Crawford County Library March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Knight will have copies of his audio book for sale and to autograph.

Christopher Knight, born Christopher Wright, began his radio career here in Grayling at WQON in 1983. Within a year he had found his niche writing and producing radio commercials. Three years later he started at 106 KHQ where he worked for six years at the top-rated evening personality for almost six years. Chistopher moved on to Classic Rock GFM and built his own home studio. His commercial accounts grew to the point that he resigned his on-air

position with WGFM to pursue his dream full-time.

Knight has written a fictional/ mystery novel about a shipwreck in the Great Lakes. The book has caught the interest of *Thunder Bay Press*, is yet to be titled and will hit the bookstores by the summer of 1998.

St. Helena, an audio book, was inspired while driving across the Mackinac Bridge. The island is a few miles west of the bridge and has an abandoned light house which he thought would make a good premise for a ghost story.

After spending many hours researching the history of the island, the audio book was developed. *St. Helena* is considered a theatrical masterpiece complete with music and

Kirtland seeks nominations for 'Alumnus of the Year'

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is looking for nominations for the 1998 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Selection criteria consider additional education beyond that received at Kirtland, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership, and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or education in general. The nominee must have graduated in 1998 or before with a Certificate of Completion or Associate Degree.

Persons may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected receive automatic consideration each year.

The Alumnus selected will be recognized and asked to speak briefly at the College graduation ceremony on May 15, 1998. His or her name also will be engraved on a plaque in the Administration Building on the campus.

Formal written nomination highlighting the above criteria may be sent by March 27 to Cary Vajda, Dean

of Student Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, Mich. 48653.

OBITUARIES

Lois M. LaGrow

Lois M. LaGrow, 83, of Grayling, passed away Feb. 22, 1998 at Mercy Hospital of Grayling.

She was born in Grayling to Carl and Camilla (Fischer) Sorenson on Nov. 6, 1914.

Mrs. LaGrow was a lifelong resident of Grayling and graduated from Grayling High School. She and her husband, William "Bill" LaGrow, owned and operated Bill's Laundry and Drycleaning in Grayling for many years before retiring. Mrs. LaGrow was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and a member of the Just Us Club since 1933.

She is survived by her four daughters: Sue and John Canfield of Grayling, Constance and Jerry Joe Smock of Roscommon, Sharon and William D. Harrison of Grayling, and Nora Sammito of Stuart, Fla.; sons: James and Janet LaGrow of Crescent City, Fla., and Joseph and Janice LaGrow of Grayling; sister, Evelyn and Fred Jones of Leesburg, Fla., 19 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, in 1980, and by her parents, Carl and Camilla (Fischer) Sorenson.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 27, 1998, at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling, with Pastor Robert Cochran officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

The family suggests memorials be directed to St. John Lutheran Church.

Claude Anthony Golnick

Claude (Buno) A. Golnick, 60, of Lake Placid, Fla., passed away Feb. 18, 1998 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Sebring, Fla. from pneumonia due to complications from cancer.

He was born May 28, 1937, to William and Ruth Golnick in Grayling and was a life-long resident of Grayling until 1996 when he moved to Lake Placid, Fla.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Golnick of Grayling; wife, Joyce Golnick of Lake Placid, Fla.; sisters: Gerry McGaffigan of Blissfield, Mich., Delores (Butch) Feldhauser of Grayling; brothers: William (Fritz) Golnick, Harold (Tyke) Golnick, Robert Golnick and Karl Golnick, all of Grayling; his children: Mark Golnick of Grayling, Debbie LeMaster of Grayling; Todd Golnick of Cadillac, Kay Fagan of Traverse City, Pam Prause of Grayling, Jeff Golnick of Grayling, Brian Wilson of Grayling, Barry Wilson of Gaylord, Brad Wilson of Grayling and 17 grandchildren.

Mr. Golnick was preceded in death by his father William Golnick in 1979.

Respecting his wishes, he will be cremated with no services. Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society, 401 West Front St., Traverse City, Mich. 49684.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all the friends of Donald Ashton who were there with kind words and helping hands. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Family of Donald Ashton

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'Head Start' wins grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a \$9.8 million grant to Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., the agency which administers the Head Start program in Crawford and 20 other counties in northern Michigan.

The grant allows the Alpena-based agency to continue to deliver Head Start to families in a 21-county area, the largest Head Start service agency in the nation.

Head Start is a cultural and educational program to prepare children, ages 3-5, for kindergarten. Families receiving assistance from Head Start are at or below the poverty level.

The federal funding award requires a 20 percent local match.

Lawrence F. Wilson

Lawrence F. Wilson, 70, of Grayling, passed away Feb. 20, 1998 at The Meadows of Grayling.

He was born in Osceola Mills, Penn. to Joseph and Anna (Frank) Wilson on May 5, 1927.

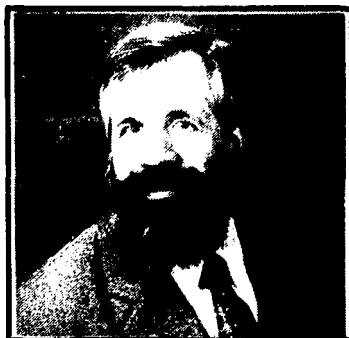
Mr. Wilson was a retired custodian for the Crawford-AuSable Public School System. He was a long time residents of Grayling.

He was survived by his brother, Jerry Wilson of Lewiston and sisters: Helen Moss of Novi, and Loretta Bregni of California. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Wilson, in 1991, and by his parents, Joseph and Anna (Frank) Wilson.

Memorial Service was held Feb. 25, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Lovells Community Chapel, Lovells with Rev. Dean Coursey officiating.

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Believing this is difficult, still somehow we must try.

The saddest word we know, will always be Good-Bye.

So when a little child departs, we who are left behind

Must realize God loves children, Angels are hard to find!

Rest my little ones,

We love you.

Daddy and Momma

In Memory Of

James R. Wakeley
Feb. 27, 1996.

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place.

He then look down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering.

He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw that the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So, He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine."

It broke our heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you, The day God took you home.

Two years have past since you left us, but you will always remain in our thoughts and hearts.

Sadly missed by: wife, Sharon;

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At the Regular Township Meeting on March 3, 1998 at 7 pm the matter of creating a zoning ordinance will be discussed and a Board appointed.

Brian Hulbert
 Supervisor

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 1998, for the following:

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The Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bid, to reject any or all bids, and to accept bids, which in their opinion, are in the best interest of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

By: James Briney, Managing Director of
 The Road Commission For Crawford County
 FOR: Ray Swiercz, Chairman
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Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .05133 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1998.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 7:45 pm. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .05133% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.


In order to maintain basic services of the Township, the township board proposes to levy an additional mill rate of 0.05133 mills (51 cents per thousand SEV).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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Charter schools may cause budget problems for some public districts

by Rachel Julien
 Capital News Service

LANSING — Charter schools are popping up all over Michigan, offering an alternative education for students — but not everyone is happy about it.

More than 100 charter schools receive state funding under a 1995 law. When students transfer from a public school to a charter school, their state aid transfers with them. That's forcing some school districts to cut budgets.

"We've had to make some budget changes this year," said Rick Lane, superintendent of Hillsdale Community Schools.

According to Asst. Supt. Gerry Dulmage, teaching, administrative, secretarial and custodial staff were all affected. The district also made reductions in other areas.

"Whenever the enrollment goes down, we lose money and we don't want to lose kids," Lane said.

State aid per pupil in the Hillsdale district is \$5,274. Lane said \$470,000 was sliced out of this year's \$13 million budget, 85 percent of which goes to personnel.

The philosophy behind charter schools is to produce competition for public schools, forcing continuous improvement in public education, and to offer parents a choice in their children's education.

There are now 108 charter schools serving more than 21,000 students or about 1.2 percent of Michigan's 1.7 million school children. The average size is 197 students, with the smallest at 15 and the largest 1,007. They can be administered through a public school district, an intermediate school district, a community college or a state university.

Charter schools are legally public schools so they're funded by the State Aid Act and cannot charge tuition. They receive the same amount of aid per child as the local district in which they're located, with a maximum of \$5,962 per pupil.

Two charter schools have closed after opening — one in Freeland and one in Grayling, according to the Michigan Association of Public School Academics. The Grayling charter school closed about two years ago.

"We're here to offer a choice so parents can shop around for what they think is best for their children. They have more than one thing to

choose from off the shelf," said Diane Marshall-Reed, the superintendent of Sauk Trail Academy in Hillsdale.

Sauk Trail Academy opened last fall, offering a curriculum with a phonics-based reading program, community service and a multi-age approach that places students in a class depending on skill level, not age.

The kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school also has an individual educational plan for each student. The plan is similar to special-education programs, but not as detailed, according to Marshall-Reed.

Edmond Reed, business manager for Sauk Trail, said one school can't serve everyone's needs.

"I don't believe we consider ourselves better, we're just an alternative," he said.

To increase enrollment, the school is required by law to advertise. Open classrooms, small class sizes and the curriculum in general are highlighted in its ads.

The school has 125 pupils, 75 of whom transferred from Hillsdale Community School District. The remainder came from private schools and home schooling.

Lane, Hillsdale's superintendent, defended the caliber of his district.

"Kids in our system get a quality education. We have qualified teachers and an excellent educational pro-

gram," he said.

However he acknowledged, "I think the concept of charter schools is a political reality."

Gary Cass, the charter school supervisor for the Michigan Department of Education, also believes education can get political when talking about money.

But he continued, "I'm in favor of parents having options on where to send their kids. They shouldn't be locked in."

The Hillsdale District may lose even more students and money next fall when Will Carleton Academy opens. Lane said the district plans budget cuts again.

Will Carleton Academy plans to offer kindergarten through sixth grade, with grades seven and eight added in each of the two succeeding years.

"The community at large doesn't have the opportunity to get an excellent education," said Mary Wolfram of Hillsdale, one of seven board members of the proposed charter school.

Wolfram, a former teacher, said there's a need for a better, more rigorous academic school. Will Carleton will have an "old fashioned" curriculum, including math, science, a foreign language and a phonics based reading program of classical literature. The school promises greater parental involv-

ment as well.

Hillsdale Community Schools has advertised in *The Hillsdale Daily News*, highlighting its foreign language, math, English and reading recovery programs. Dulmage, the assistant superintendent, said the district is in a competitive situation. "We feel like we offer the best educational program," he said.

The situation varies across the state. There are only three charter schools in the Upper Peninsula. Their experiences are different.

Mary St. Clair, the principal of charter Tri High School in Ishpeming, said, "Having a charter school has made everybody look at their programs, see what they do best and promote it."

St. Clair said her school receives full support from all the nearby districts. "They have the best interest of the kids at heart. Finance hasn't been an issue," she said.

Tri High School was an alternative high school for "at-risk" students until last July, when it was chartered through Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Fifty percent of the students still fall under the "at-risk" category, but any student can attend.

That affects the local public districts a bit, according to St. Clair.

"The schools-of-choice phenomenon has caused more of an awareness among the districts," she said.

Police may get legal protection against high-speed chase suits

by Vikas Bajaj
 Capital News Service

LANSING — Police officers conducting high-speed car chases may soon not have to worry about being sued if a proposal before the Legislature is passed.

Under the measure sponsored by Sen. William Van Regenmorter (R-Hudsonville) and Rep. Kirk Profit (D-Ypsilanti) police officers would be protected from some civil suits resulting from accidents that happen during car chases.

Police departments' liability for non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, resulting from an accident would be limited to \$1 million if the officers were "substantially following" pre-set chase guidelines.

Van Regenmorter said there is no statewide policy on when and how police chases should be conducted.

The bills would create a state committee to draw up a model policy for local governments could use at their own discretion. The 8-member committee would include police officers and representatives from municipalities and prosecutors associations.

"Currently some communities allow their police to do what they like," Van Regenmorter said. "Other communities have 'no-chase' policies."

The policies would cover questions such as under what conditions a chase should be started, ended or continued.

Communities that adopt the committee's policies could limit their liability under the proposal. For the limit to apply, officers in each case must have closely followed the guidelines.

"It really should improve law enforcement and public safety in each of those communities," Van Regenmorter said.

But people whose family members have been hurt by police chases feel the changes would exacerbate their pain.

Glen Pantke's daughter was killed in an accident involving a police pursuit. Her car was broadsided by a person being chased by police officers in Walled Lake in 1991.

Pantke, a Commerce Township resident, lost a civil suit against the police. If the legislative proposal is passed it will become harder for victims to recover against errant police officers, he said.

"There is nobody policing the police," he said. "This is nothing but smoke and mirrors."

The legislation reforms the way gross negligence is determined, so a judge, not a jury, decides if police officers significantly violated standard practices causing the accident. Pantke said this hurts victims' cases.

Civil suits that arise from traffic accidents during police chases can cost communities as much as \$10 million to \$15 million. "Our interest was in putting some limits. Multi-million dollar settlements are not at all unusual," Van Regenmorter said.

Pantke, who lost a civil suit against the police said, "Limiting liability shortchanges innocent citizens who are hurt in such accidents. As civilians we have no remedy. We can't prosecute a police officer who wrongs us — only the prosecutor can

do that," he said. "We civilians have only one avenue — to sue them."

But East Lansing Police Capt. Steve Chubb said it's important to free officers from liability burdens.

"As long as officers are following policies, I personally don't think they should have to be worrying about other consequences," Chubb said. "They've got enough to worry about."

Local governments support the state initiative, said Dan Gilmartin, the manager of state and federal affairs for the Michigan Municipal League, which represents 534 cities and villages.

"Without this legislation there is no cap on non-economic damages and no real sense from the state government what a model policy should be," Gilmartin said.

But Grand Rapids Police Chief William Hegarty said local authorities should determine their own pursuit policies.

"I personally disagree with the state promulgating policy," he said. "I think each municipality possesses the responsibility for developing policy and procedure."

But Rick Duranczyk, the legislative counsel for the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, said the state should pass a model policy and test the response it gets before limiting the liability of police departments. "The Legislature is putting the cart before the horse."

Alpena college gets grant to set up Center of Concrete

A grant of \$750,000 from the Economic Development Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been awarded to Alpena Community College.

The grant award, the last piece of the funding puzzle for the school's \$7.2 million World Center of Concrete Technology, was announced jointly by Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) and Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee).

The new funds will be combined with an estimated \$3.3 million from the state of Michigan, with other federal grants, and with as much as \$3.5 million in private industry funds to allow construction to begin mid-summer, Chuck Wisen, ACC's associate dean for technology and economic development, said.

The center is expected to be completed in about one year from start of construction, Wisen said.

"This is great news for Alpena and

Michigan, because students from around the globe will be able to study and research the latest innovations in concrete technology in Alpena," Levin said.



"This project, a unique public-private partnership, will position the state of Michigan as a world leader in education, training and research in the concrete industry," Stupak said.

Don Newport, president of ACC, said the technology center represents a concrete manifestation of the school's long-term commitment to industry training.

"Over a span of 40 years Alpena Community College has trained as many as 12,000 people who have carried their skill to every state and more than 50 other nations," Newport said.

"We see this project as a fulfillment of that continued efforts and as an opportunity to expand our ability to serve the concrete industry."



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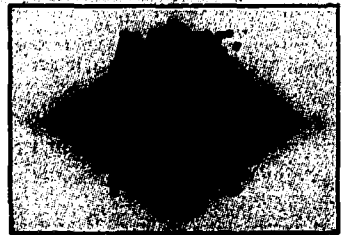
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Section C Crawford County Sports

March Madness almost here

Vikings miss league lead by an eyelash

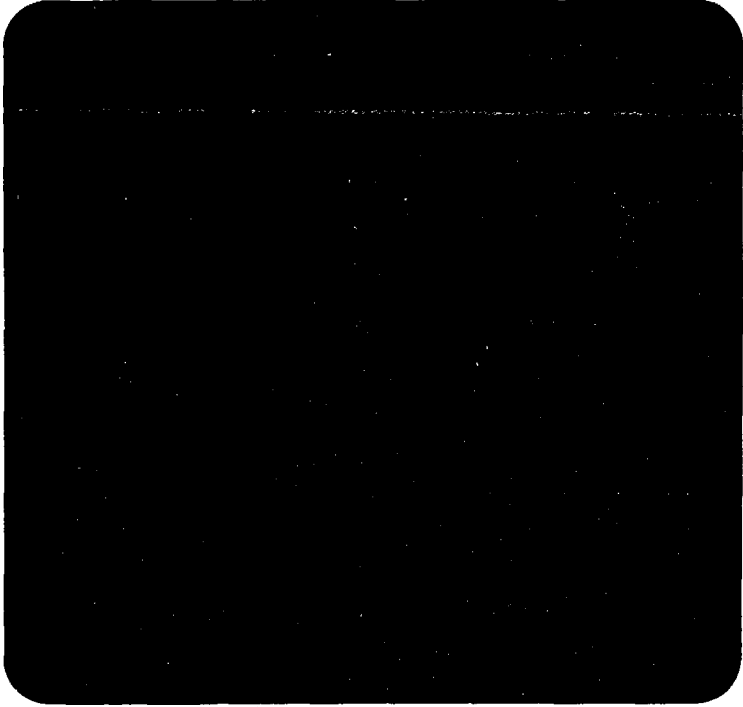
It was a tough fight — and a close one — but Coach Rich Moffitt's Varsity Grayling High boys basketball team fell just one basket short of the top spot in the Northeast Michigan Conference last week (Feb. 20), with a last minute loss to Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Playing on their home floor, the Chargers of Lutheran were really charged up, and as Viking Nate Beckwith's game-tying shot in the closing seconds rolled around the rim and refused to hit the net, the die was cast and Saginaw Valley won, 60-58.

Even so, the Vikings fought hard and overcame a slow start and a large early point deficit to produce the final hand-wringer.

Billed as a showdown for leadership in the powerful Northeast Conference, the rematch of the league's two top teams filled the Saginaw arena with a charged atmosphere from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Going into the game, Saginaw was in first place, Grayling in second.

The first half saw the Vikings fall behind quickly and the Chargers showed the visitors from "Up North" why they're in first place.



Partway into the second quarter, the Vikings had only managed to score 11 points, and the game seemed to be slipping away.

However, Coach Moffitt put an emotional charge back into his troops, and they battled back to within 10 at halftime, 35-25.

The second half was just the opposite of the first, with both teams feeding off the crowd and beginning to show their skills.

Although Grayling's offensive firepower was somewhat hampered by an obvious nagging injury to their floor general, Eli Tobin, who

couldn't operate on all cylinders, others stepped up and filled the void.

Great efforts by both Travis Parkinson and Nate Beckwith helped close the gap and finally swung the score in Grayling's favor, 56-50, with less than two minutes to go.

Great hustle by the Saginaw Valley Chargers, along with some offensive miscues by the Vikings, proved to be the difference down the stretch as the Chargers took the lead with 2.7 seconds to go, 60-58.

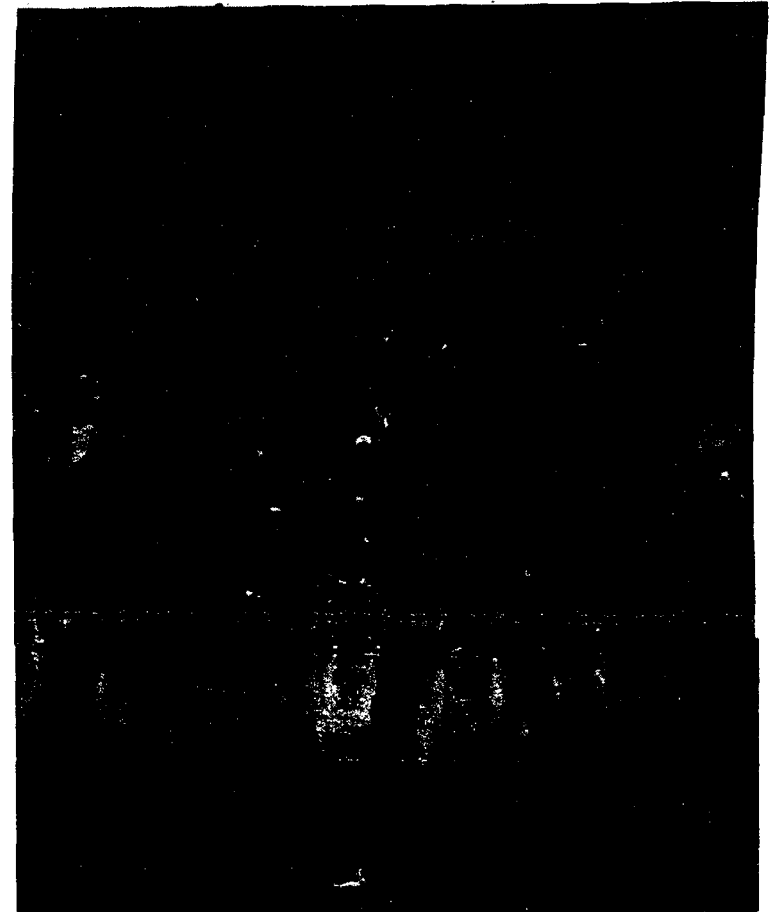
Grayling had a chance to tie, as Beckwith had a good look at the basket, but his shot rolled around the rim, and fell out, leading to a bleacher emptying celebration by the Charger faithful.

Coach Moffitt and the loyal Grayling fans, who traveled to Saginaw to cheer on their favorites, had to be pleased with the way their team responded to the large early deficit, especially in front of a capacity crowd.

Despite the loss, this type of game may well prove to be beneficial to the Vikings going into state high school tournament time in the next couple of weeks.



DRIVING RITTER -- Grayling's Brad Ritter hasn't forgotten all his football skills, as witness the way he puts a shoulder into a Saginaw Valley Lutheran defender.



JONES GOES UP -- Viking Jeremy Jones goes up for a jump shot in the heartbreaking Grayling loss to league leading Saginaw Valley Lutheran.



HOBBLED ELI -- Although hobbled by a nagging injury, Eli Tobin helped lead the unsuccessful Viking charge against Saginaw Valley Lutheran.



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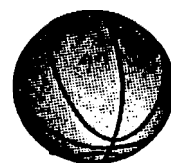
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Grayling Freshmen head toward season finale with 11-5 record



Grayling High School ninth grade basketball team racked up two wins and two losses in games during the last couple of weeks.

Despite producing what Coach Doug Simons called the team's "best game of the year," the Vikings on Feb. 19 dropped a squeaker at Standish Sterling, 56-55.

"Despite the loss, I felt this was our best game of the year," Coach Simons said. "I thought all the guys came ready to play, and they played as a team."

"Ryan Mahaffy and Dan Hall had their best game of the year. A couple of coaching decisions made late in the game proved to be the difference."

Simons gave credit to the Standish Sterling team — "they never gave up and they played hard."

Mahaffy topped Viking scorers with 16 points, and Kyle Langseth had 11, Max Schreiner 9, and Dan Hall and Joel Cummings each had 6.

Bay City John Glenn was an easier chore for the Frosh Vikings on Feb. 16 at Bay City, where Grayling won 52-37.

Mahaffy again led the scoring with 14 points. Levi Burkett had 7, Marcus Bobenmeyer 6, Chris Youngblood 6 and Langseth 6.

Simons described the John Glenn game as "an emotional one for us"

because it was the last game for two players — Levi Burkett and Dave Golnick — who were moved up to the Jayvee squad for the rest of the season.

"Our depth proved to be the difference in this game," Simons said. "We pushed the ball both offensively and defensively the entire game, wearing down Bay City."

The Viking Frosh also chalked up a comfortable win over Oscoda on Feb. 12, whipping the Owls 72-53 at Oscoda.

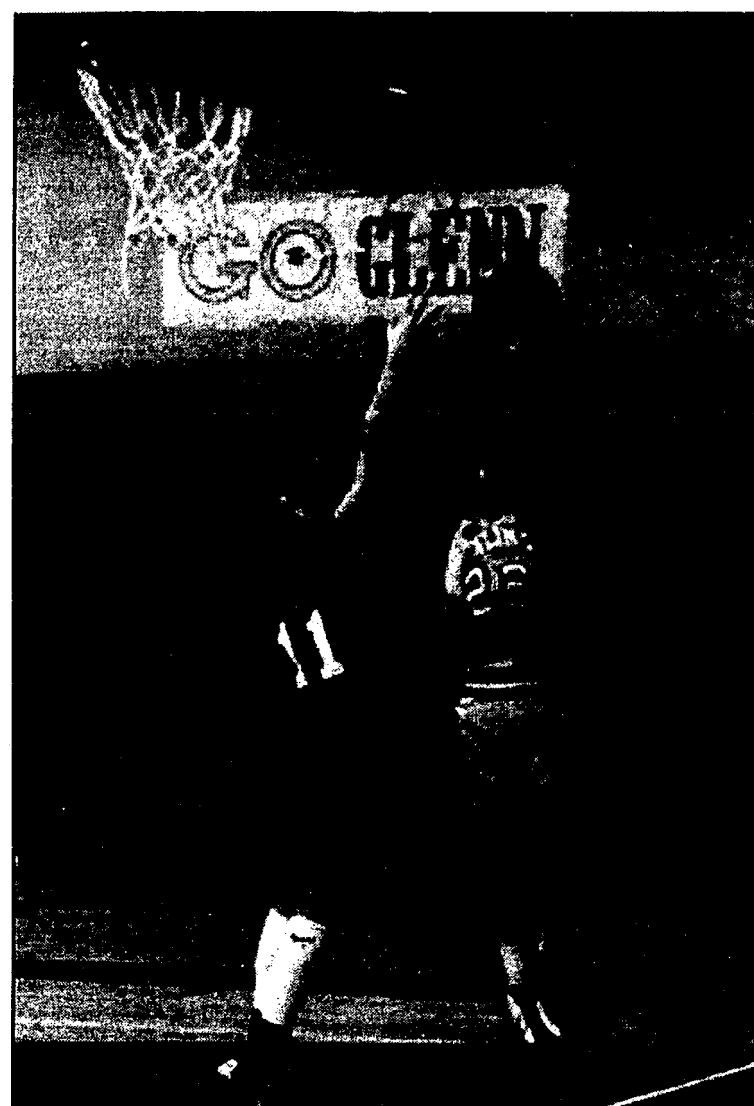
Grayling displayed an even offensive attack, with Burkett leading the scoring at 12 points, followed by Mahaffy and Youngblood with 11 each.

Simons said the game was a "good all around game, both offensively and defensively." He pushed in a lot of player rotations, and "everyone played, and they all played well."

Simons said "our second team probably had the best quarter of basketball this season, outscoring Oscoda in the third quarter 31-11."

The latest game for the ninth grade squad was an overtime loss on Feb. 23 at home against Saginaw Valley Lutheran. No further details were available at deadline time.

The Freshman Vikings have compiled a solid 11-5 won-lost record, and will close their season at home against Gaylord on Monday, March 2.



STOP AND POP -- Freshman Dan Hall stops and pops a shot over a Bobcat defender in the Grayling game against Bay City John Glenn.

Viking Jayvees drop close one to Saginaw Valley team 69-68

By a single point, in a come from behind effort last week (Feb. 20), the Grayling High School Junior Varsity basketball team dropped a squeaker to Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 69-68.

Both teams played a physical game, with neither side giving up many inside shots. The Chargers took an early lead which they didn't relinquish in the first half, and led at the intermission, 37-32.

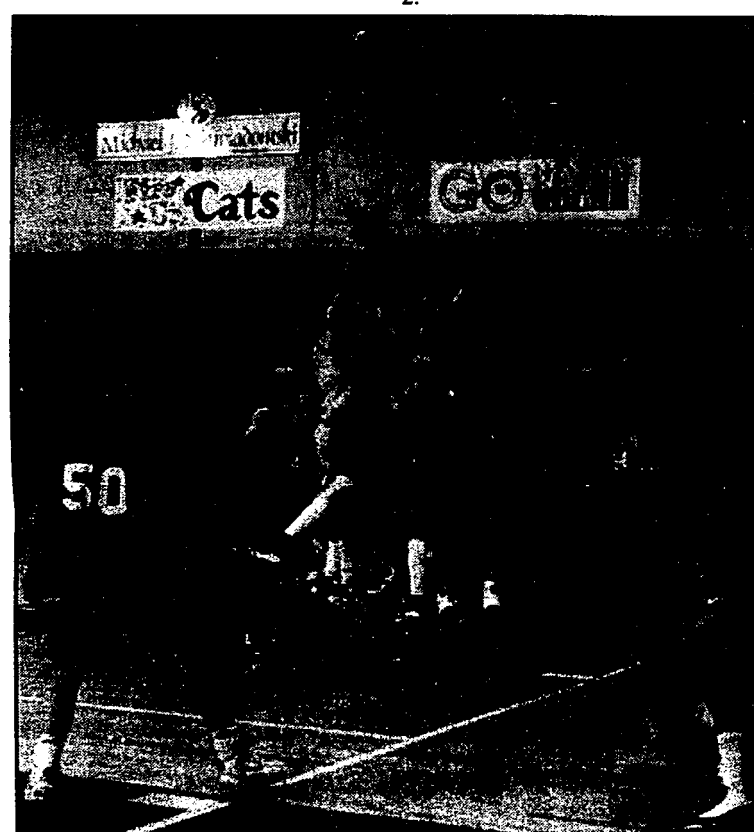
The second half saw Grayling

begin to close the gap, with Co-captain Brad Wilson leading the charge. At the end of the third quarter, Grayling had managed to narrow the margin to four, 50-46.

The final stanza belonged to Grayling, with the Vikings cutting into the lead and at one point actually going ahead by a bucket. But some missed opportunities cost the Vikings, and a controversial basket by Wilson at the buzzer was not enough to pull it out.



BALL THIEF -- Grayling Jayvee Brian McCurdy steals a pass and takes it in for an easy basket against Saginaw Valley Lutheran.



HIGH SHOOTER -- Freshman Ryan Mahaffy shoots over two defenders, while Bob Hall takes position for a rebound.

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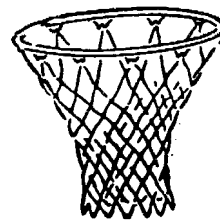
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Grayling team bows in Districts

Viking wrestling trio heads to Regionals

by Debi Hopkins
Special Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team traveled to Cheboygan on Feb. 19 to participate in the Michigan High School Sports Team District tournament.

Four teams met to grapple for the opportunity to continue on to the Team Regional competition at Grayling High School on Wednesday Feb. 25.

Grayling met the Cheboygan Chiefs on the mat first. When Grayling heavyweight Jason DASHO stepped on the mat, the score was 37-36 with Grayling leading.

Whether the Grayling Vikings would continue in the team district competition lay on DASHO's shoulders. With that pressure DASHO faced his opponent and fought hard for the pin that would allow his team to move ahead and meet Benzie Central.

Coach Don Ferguson said of DASHO's victory match: "The pressure was on him and he came through with a pin that sealed the team victory." DASHO's pin brought the final score to 43-36.

Other key matches included pins by Larry Baker at 125 and Mark

Weaver at 135.

Coach Ferguson said, "Baker fought a hard match and fired up the team. Weaver was down 11-5 and he came from behind and pinned his opponent in the final round."

Other wrestlers contributing to team points were: Matt Evon at 103, Josh Niederer at 112, Ben Malonen at 140, and Mark Hopkins at 152.

The dual meet between Benzie Central and Grayling would determine which team would go on to Team Regionals.

Benzie Central came on strong and beat the Vikings with a final score of 42-20 making this the final team competition for the Vikings this season.

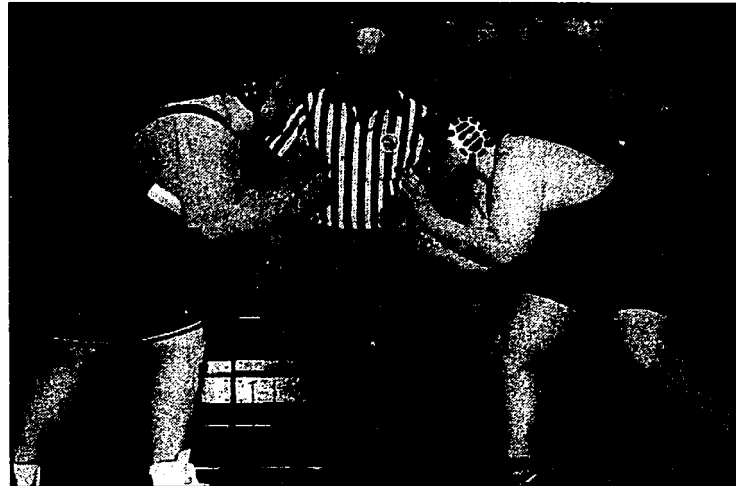
With Team Districts over and behind them, the Viking wrestlers prepared for the Individual Districts tournament held on Feb. 21. Fourteen schools met to determine which four wrestlers from each of the 14 weight classes will go on to the Individual Regional tournament on Feb. 28 in Alma.

Grayling will send three wrestlers to the Individual Regionals — Matt Evon, Ben Malonen, and Mark Hopkins.

Taking 1st at 152 was Mark Hopkins. Hopkins met Tom



GOING FOR PIN -- Matt Evon was going for a Viking pin with a headlock against his Roscommon opponent.



DECISIVE WIN -- Grayling heavyweight Jason DASHO (right) came through with a pin in a decisive match to help Grayling whip Cheboygan.

Demitroff in the semi-finals, beating him 6-4. In the finals Hopkins beat Manistee wrestler Jeremy Maki with a first round pin. Coach Ferguson was pleased with Hopkins stating, "Mark had a great match against Benzie Central's Demitroff, who placed 4th in state last year and is expected to place high in the state this year."

Matt Evon placed 3rd at 103 losing only one of his four matches to the number one seeded wrestler. In the finals Evon faced a Kalkaska wrestler.

"He (Evon) dominated this match," said Coach Ferguson, "he came out strong and took third place."

Ben Malonen faced tough competition at 140. Coach Ferguson said, "Ben used his experience and determination to place in the top four. I think he'll come in strong at Regionals looking for revenge."

These three wrestlers will travel to Alma on Friday to compete in the Individual Regionals being held Saturday (Feb. 28). The top four wrestlers from each weight division in the two competing Districts will continue on the State competition on March 13 and 14 in Battle Creek.



TURNOVER -- Grayling's Mark Hopkins turns opponent Tom Demitroff with a chicken wing maneuver.



ARM BAR -- Viking Ben Malonen used an arm bar against his Alma opponent in the recent District wrestling tournament.

Young wrestlers keep busy home meet set for Saturday

The Grayling Middle School wrestling team and Grayling Recreation Authority Club traveled to Meridian Feb. 7, to open their season, and 23 wrestlers came home with medals. According to age groups, the winners are as follows: Zach Rochette, second; Mykel Revord, third; Eric Madill, third; Isaac Van Nuck, third; Steven Grove, third; Trent Larm, second; Jim Boylan, first; Daniel CdeBaca, first; Keith Revord, third; Eli VanNuck, second; Jesse Urick, third; Michael Barry, second; Billy Stewart, first; Zach Wegner, third; Adam Malone, second; Dustin Partello, third; Brandon Pratt, first; Eric Hunter, third; Chris Johns, first; Andy Palmer, second; Larry Baynham, second; Chris McGuire, third; Nate Haskel, first; Harry Davis, second.

On Feb. 14, both teams came back from Gladwin after capturing 27 medals. The 27 victorious wrestlers are: Zach Rochette, third; Eric Madill, second; Trent Larm, first; Tim VanNuck, second; Jim Boylan, first; Daniel CdeBaca, second; Joe Ferrigan, second; Eli VanNuck, first; Matt Larson, first; Jesse Urick, third; Michael Barry, third; Neil Cook, third; Billy Stewart, third; Zach Wegner, first; Doug Flicker, third; Adam

Malone, third; Darryl Babbitt, first; Dan Snider, third; Zach VanNuck, second; Eric Hunter, second; Brandon Pratt, second; Ryan Messerschmidt, second; Nate Haskel, first; Andy Palmer, first; Larry Baynham, second; Chris Johns, first; Juell Joseph, third. Both teams traveled to Whittemore-Preseott Feb. 21, to capture 23 more medals. The winners are: Eric Madill, second; Isaac VanNuck, third; Steve Grove, third; Corey Metzger, second; Chuck Hughes, third; Jim Boylan, second; Eli VanNuck, second; Brian Borchers, second; Billy Stewart, third; Zach Wegner, second; Jesse CdeBaca, second; Adam Malone, third; Darryl Babbitt, third; Dan Snider, third; Zach VanNuck, first; Dustin Partello, second; Brandon Pratt, first; Chris Johns, first; Larry Baynham, third; Nate Haskel, first; Chris Malone, third; Chris McGuire, second.

The Grayling Middle School Team and The Grayling Recreation Authority Club will hold their first home tournament on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Grayling Middle School Gymnasium.

Concessions will be open throughout the day. Wrestling will start at 9:30 a.m. Parents and friends are invited.

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Weekly Update

As our so called winter? wears on we should be ice fishing, but it seems most fishermen think the ice is not good!! But from what I can find out, the ice seems to be very good almost everywhere. However as always you must be very careful. Also the ice is very slippery in places, so be prepared to wear ice cleats!! There are a few rabbit hunter's around and they seem to be having some action here, and maybe some better action in the upper if you want to make a short drive!! Also you might get out and try your skill at calling a coyote or fox in and see if you can get a shot at it.

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| MGT 424 | Labor and Employment Law | Monday |
| ACC 350 | Accounting and Information Systems | Tuesday |
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| MGT 300 | Principles of Management | Tuesday |
| INT 350 | Principles of International Business | Tuesday |
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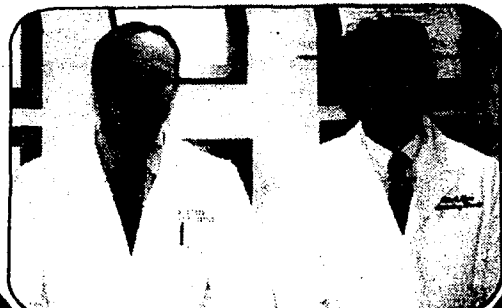
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Jayvee volleyball out busy season

by Sara McGuire
Student Writer

On February 11 the Grayling High School JV Volleyball team lost a home match against Oscoda, three games to one.

"The first three games were some of the best volleyball games we've played all year," said Coach Donna Boughner.

In the best of five match, GHS lost the first game 16-14, then came back to win the second game 15-6. The third game was another close loss for the Vikes at 16-14. The fourth and final game was a 15-7 end to the match.

"Two 16-14 losses took the heart out of us for the fourth game," said Coach Boughner.

Hustle was the key to Viking play, commented Miss Boughner.

"Carrie Cadeau hustled exceptionally well making some

outstanding saves. Our passers did great getting the ball up to the setter," she said.

"Danielle Niederer made some great passes while our setters, Emily Weaver and Brandy Ritter, did a nice job getting the ball to our hitters.

"Mika Sumner had some great hits. She played very strong on the net," added Coach Boughner.

Two days prior the Viking girls participated in a tri-meet along with Saginaw Valley Lutheran and Pinconning. Grayling was defeated by Saginaw in the first two games in the best of three match, then came back to defeat Pinconning in the two games.

On Feb. 16 Tawas and Bay City John Glenn came to Grayling and battled against the JV Volleyball team in another tri-meet. The Vikes defeated

team rounding near .500 mark

John Glenn in three games and then overcame Tawas in four. It was parents' night in Grayling and the netters showed the crowd how much they have developed.

Following the tri-meet the JV team had another conference match against Standish-Sterling. The Grayling team won that match in five games.

"It was the weirdest game I've ever seen," said Coach Boughner. The

match was weird because after the Vikes won the first game 15-0, they lost the second 0-15, then they came back to win the third game 15-0 before entering a more even fourth and fifth game.

The JV team is on a four game winning streak that has pushed them over the .500 mark. Their last game was Monday (Feb. 23) against East Jordan at home.

Citizens Bank race clinic comes to a close at Hills

This past Saturday marked the end of the 1998 Citizen's Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills. Race director John Alef said, "We had a short season this year due to the lack of snow, but overall the program was a success." Alef went on to say "I feel this is great exposure for these kids as they move up to our high school racing program."

The kids race for positions each week and accumulate points for overall positioning at the end of the year. This is the 1998 results:

In the pre-school and Kindergarten girls group Gracie Calkins took first, she was followed by Taylor Doremire. Michael (little Speedster) Olson led the boys, Alex Sloan was second.

Rachel Doremire led the first and second grade girls. Jessica Riddle took second. Gabby Calkins third, Avery Diola fourth, Emily Sloan fifth and Kristi Calkins sixth. Spencer Dean was the top skier for the boys, Chas Sloan was second.

Jill Seager posted fast times all season long and took the top position for the third and fourth grade girls, Michelle McGuire finished second.

Zach Dean and Koby Diola tied for the first position in the boys group. Scot Olson was second, Andrew Hart third and Jimmy Hilbrecht fourth.

Allyson Diola led the way for the fifth and sixth grade girls. Jodi Riddle took second, Mallory Olson third, Nicole Doremire, fourth Beth Lucey fifth and Jennifer Stanton sixth. Joey Highlen topped the boys. Matt Seager finished second, Trevor Clough third, Patrick McNally fourth, Paul Montagne fifth, Ben Lucey and Jimmy Jansen tied for sixth, Greg Kalonich took seventh. The following fifth and sixth grade boys raced one race over the course of the season, Joe Zelek, Joe Lange, Matt Waterbury, Tony Grace, Eric Olson, Anthony Neal, Ryan Mech, and Travis Hatfield.

Andrea Alvarez led the seventh and eighth grade girls, Nicole Mech was second, Britni Baker third. Keil Clough led the boys group. Ben McNally was second, Eric Hart third, Damian Fleischmann fourth. Chris McGuire, Aaron Waterbury, Eric Hunter, Justin Hanes, and Josh Messerschmidt each raced in one race.

EAT EM UP -- Grayling Varsity cheerleaders have led the way all season. From left: Amanda Love, Tasha Carlisle, Jamie Anderson, Heidie Wallace, Tiffany Craigie.

Vikings Olson, Thompson compete in State ski finals

Boyne Mountain was the host for the class B-C-D State Finals on Monday, Feb. 23.

Twenty-six boys' teams had representatives at the finals and 26 girls teams were represented.

Petoskey's boys' team won with East Grand Rapids second and the combined team of Maple City, Glen Lake, Leland placing third. The girls' team competition was won by the combined team of Maple City, Glen Lake, Leland followed by Ironwood and Manistee.

"Our regional was tougher than most people anticipated with three of the top six teams in the finals coming out of the Crystal Mountain Meet," said Coach Mike Wieland.

Katie Olson started the day in Slalom with a super run looking like a top

contender. Then left a ski on the hill after fitting a gate straight on and was disqualified.

"I think if people saw the Olympic skiing they can better realize how fast you go from looking great to being totally out of it, it's a blink of your eye and the year is over," Wieland said.

Katie Olson skied well in Giant Slalom, finishing 31st.

"With about 260 girls starting in the tournaments in Giant Slalom, 31st seems pretty good." Katie is a junior and looking forward to another appearance next year.

Junior Eric Thompson had to watch all the early competition and wait until the afternoon to compete in the Slalom event. Eric had two real solid runs placing 21st.

"It's always a goal to make the Top 10 and medal in the finals. With the fact that 260 racers started in the Slalom tournaments this year, getting into the top 21 is a real good considering the training year we have had," Wieland said.

The Vikings will award their state finalists, and the rest of the Viking skiers, at the ski banquet held at Hanson Hills on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

High School ski teams close season at Schuss

In the last team competition of the year, the Grayling High School ski teams raced against Bellaire, Mancelona and Elk Rapids at Schuss Mountain on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Grayling's girls won the meet by two points over the combined school team of Bellaire and Mancelona with Elk Rapids third.

Top skier for the Vikings was Junior Brooke Ginther placing first in both Slalom and Giant Slalom.

"Brooke missed qualifying for the state finals in Slalom by .8 seconds and made a great effort beating the other girls by a total time of four seconds. It was her best skiing of the season," said Coach Mike Wieland.

Katie Olson placed third in both events; Kim Hartman was seventh in both events; Danielle McClanahan placed 12th in Slalom and 14th in Giant Slalom; Andrea Elmy was 14th in Slalom and disqualified in Giant

Slalom; Tanya Helsel was 15th in Giant Slalom and Amanda Fortino placed 16th in Slalom.

In the boys competition, state team qualifiers Elk Rapids won the Giant Slalom by four points over the Vikings, but really put the meet away in Slalom winning by 24 points. Grayling placed second with the Bellaire, Mancelona team placing third.

Top racer for the boys team was Colin Hunter placing eighth in Slalom and second in Giant Slalom. Eric Thompson placed fifth and sixth; Ray Trudgeon placed 10th in Slalom, ninth in Giant Slalom, Josh Mueller was 11th in both events; Paul Jansen placed 13th in Slalom and fell placing 17th in Giant Slalom. Matt Ginther finished the racing order losing a ski in Slalom and placing seventh in Giant Slalom.

Katie Olson and Eric Thompson raced Monday (Feb. 23) in the state finals.

MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Week 7 results -- Mens Basketball League 2/12/98

Game #1-Holiday Inn. 67 -- Lange Vending. 51

Hamlin - 20, Dean - 10, Smith - 10, Mertes - 7, Madill - 6, Bonamie - 4, Swope - 4, Weiler - 3, St. Germain - 3 / Longendyke - 23, Habib - 10, Gears - 6, Jung - 4, Butler - 4, M. Harland - 2, Hannum - 2.

Game #2-Spikes. 88 -- Baynams. 29

Patterson - 34, Potter - 16, Thompson - 10, Kucharek - 8, Farrell - 8, J. Gardiner - 6, Kolka - 4, Krey - 2 / Hurd - 9, Youngblood - 8, Perrin - 5, Persing - 3, Thayer - 2, Baynham - 2.

Standings after Week #7 W L Spikes 5 0 Sawmill 4 1 Holiday Inn 3 2 Weyerhaeuser 2 3 Baynham Forest Products 1 4 Lange Vending 0 5

Top 10 leading scorers, game avg.: Longendyke-23.2, Patterson-23, Church-18.5, Hamlin-18, T. Doremire-16.4; Youngblood-13, M. Doremire-13, Kucharek-12.5, Kirk-12, Ramsey-11.6

The end of the season banquet has been scheduled for March 20 at the Holiday Inn.

Week 8 results -- Mens Basketball League 2/17 & 19/98

Game #1-Sawmill. 62 -- Lange Vending. 49

T. Doremire - 15, Winton - 13, M. Doremire - 11, Dittenber-9, Trudgeon - 8, Burrell - 6 / Longendyke - 18, R. Harland - 12, Hannum - 8, Jung - 7, Butler - 4

Game #2-Spikes. 74 -- Holiday Inn. 64

Patterson - 30, Thompson - 15, Potter - 12, Farrell - 11, Kolka - 6 / Bonamie - 16, Hamlin - 15, Swope - 15, Dean - 11, Weaver - 4, Smith - 2, Weiler - 1

Game #3-Weyerhaeuser. 79 -- Baynams. 60

Ramsey - 25, Grant - 12, Dandy - 11, Trenary - 11, Hull - 6, Bickford - 6, Ruddy - 4, Hines - 4 / E. Baynham - 19, Youngblood - 15, Neal - 9, Thayer - 7, Hurd - 6, Perrin - 4

Standings after Week #8 W L Spikes 6 0 Sawmill 5 1 Holiday Inn 3 3 Weyerhaeuser 3 3 Baynham Forest Products 1 5 Lange Vending 0 6

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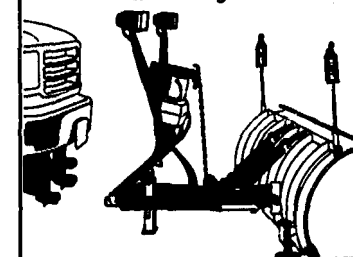


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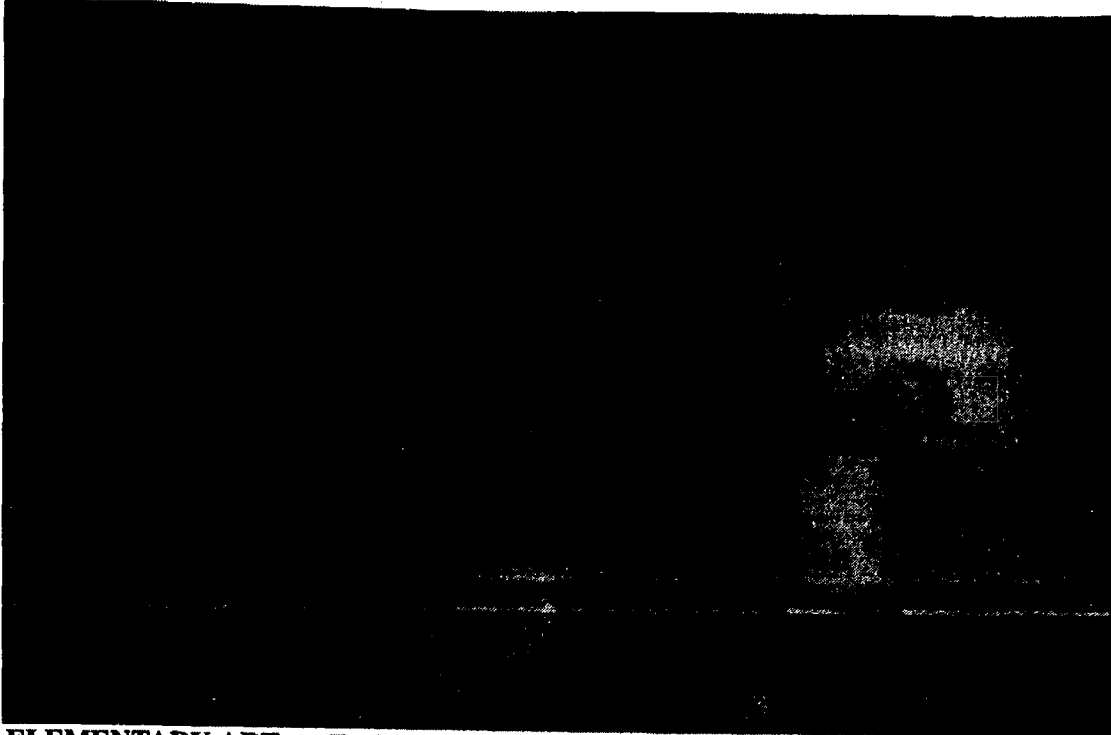
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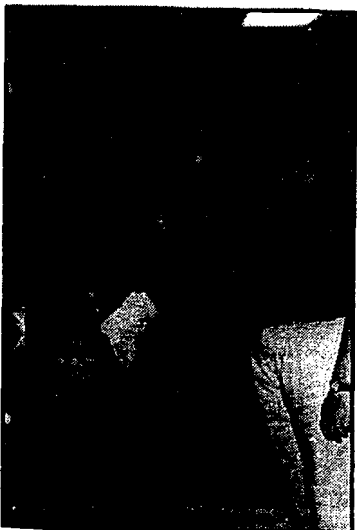
ELEMENTARY ART — Frederic students are having a hands-on art experience, through a program sponsored by COOR Intermediate School District. Above, third graders Carlos Ledesma, Theodore Gomez, Michael Rollins and Devon Adair are working with Michael Waters from Kirtland Community College, who is at Frederic each Tuesday morning teaching art to Frederic elementary students.

AuSable Primary teacher chosen for math project

June Savoie, pictured here greeting students to her AuSable Primary School classroom, was recently named to a Michigan Department of Education mathematics project. As the representative for first grade, she will work with other grade-level

representatives to align the Everyday Mathematics program with the State of Michigan Curriculum Benchmarks and to analyze it for higher order thinking and real-world connections. The Crawford AuSable School District has adopted Everyday Mathe-

tics materials for use with the district curriculum in grades kindergarten through fifth. Everyday Mathematics is one of only three programs which has had special recognition by the state of Michigan, and uses the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards.



June Savoie at work

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

| Action League | |
|---|-------|
| Men in Black..... | 19-5 |
| Strike 2 Judgments..... | 18-6 |
| J.C.'s 1st Strikers..... | 14-10 |
| Natural Born Killers..... | 11-13 |
| Lethal Weapons..... | 10-14 |
| Kung Fu Mania..... | 10-14 |
| Phantoms..... | 7-17 |
| Women in Black..... | 7-17 |
| High Game: Male: D.J. Canfield, 195; Female: N. Strohpaal, 165. | |
| High Series: Male: D.J. Canfield, 485; Female: N. Strohpaal, 416. | |
| Most Pins over Average: Male: D.J. Canfield, 53; Female: M. Skagerburg, 31. | |
| Most Pins over Series: Male: E. Brinks, 64; Female: M. Skagerburg, 70. | |

| Comedy League | |
|---|------|
| Wild Natures..... | 12-6 |
| Spy's..... | 12-6 |
| Black Sheep..... | 12-6 |
| Tin Cups..... | 9-9 |
| Paul Bearers..... | 8-10 |
| Clerk's..... | 7-11 |
| Nutty Professors..... | 7-11 |
| Space Jammers..... | 5-13 |
| High Game: Male: Marshall Lobsinger, Zachary S, 126; Female: A. Prosser, 139. | |
| High Series: Male: M. Lobsinger, 235; Female: A. Prosser, 242. | |
| Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Fairbotham, 43; Female: T. Root, A. Prosser, 50. | |
| Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Todd, 25; Female: T. Root, 20. | |

| Cartoon League | |
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| Ninja's..... | 12-6 |
| Looney Tunes..... | 11-7 |
| Goose Bumps..... | 11-7 |
| Flintstones..... | 9.5-8.5 |
| Aristocats..... | 9.5-8.5 |
| Scooby Doo's..... | 9-9 |
| Rug Rats..... | 6-12 |
| 3 Stooges..... | 4-14 |
| High Game: Male: W. Coe, 128; Female: A. Helsel, 126. | |
| High Series: Male: W. Coe, 219; Female: A. Helsel, 212. | |
| Most Pins over Average: Male: W. Coe, 56; Female: A. Helsel, 42. | |
| Most Pins over Series: Male: W. Coe, 3; Female: C. Grant, 18. | |

BOWLING LEAGUE

| American Men's League | |
|--|-------|
| Red Barn..... | 46-10 |
| Burnside RV..... | 32-24 |
| Upper Lakes..... | 28-28 |
| Fenton's Auto..... | 27-29 |
| Stitches by Sue..... | 27-29 |
| Northwood Land..... | 26-30 |
| Buccilli's..... | 21-35 |
| McLean's Ace..... | 15-41 |
| High Game: R. Pyle, 214; C. Yost, 204; M. Keir, 200. | |
| High Series: M. Keir, 580; R. Pyle, 574; C. Yost, 529. | |

| Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles | |
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| Gary's Drywall..... | 15-25 |
| R & M Masonry..... | 11-29 |
| Bye..... | 3-37 |
| Men's High Game: J. Smith, 203; R. Kehring, 201; J. Golnick, 197. | |
| Men's High Series: R. Kehring, 556; R. Adkinson, 529; J. Golnick, 516. | |
| Women's High Game: M. Miller, 235; Y. Schreiber, 221; N. Glasslee, 179. | |
| Women's High Series: M. Miller, 593; K. Moshier, 509; S. Sumner, 483. | |

| Senior Citizens League | |
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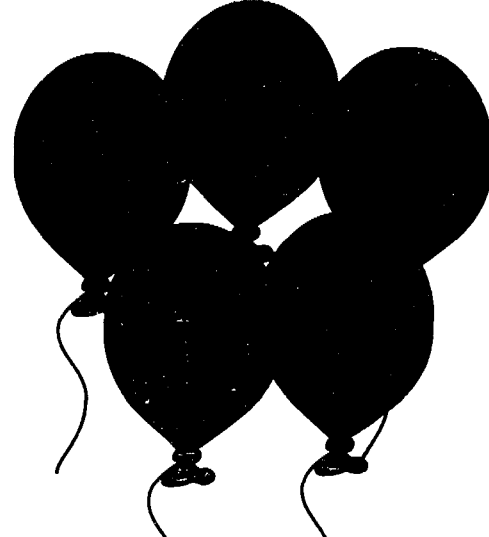
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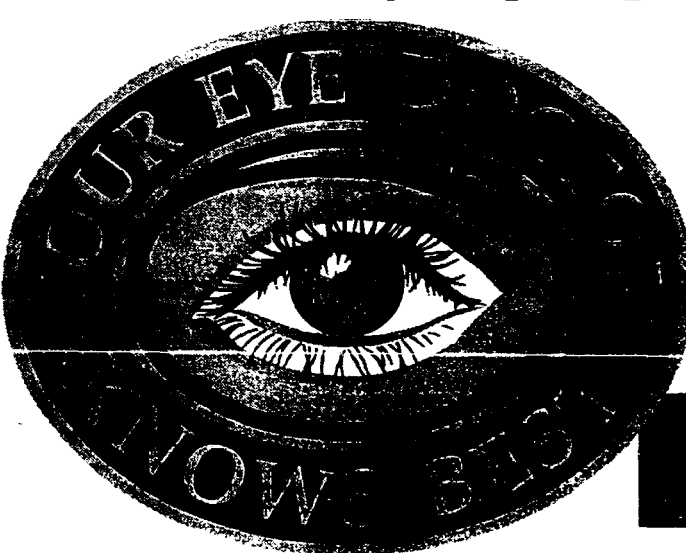
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FEATURES

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For The Week Of March 1-7

ARIES

March 21-April 20

It may be time to sit back and take stock of your life. Where are you in relation to your professional goals? Is your personal life where you want it to be? Make some time for your family this weekend. You'll enjoy it, and it will give you a chance to rethink your priorities.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Devote your weekend to helping a friend with a project. You can give him/her the confidence needed to get through the undertaking, and finishing the work will make you both feel good. Stay on top of your finances in the coming week.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Consider taking a home-study course. Whether it's career-related or just a hobby, you'll gain knowledge and have fun. Plus, it could work to your advantage professionally in the near future. Spend some time with a loved one who needs your support.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Stay cool-headed even in trying situations this week. You'll gain the respect of an important person by doing so and will improve your professional reputation. Then get away for the weekend. Spend some time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

LEO

July 23-August 23

The work you've done on a special project recently could lead to a promotion. But remember to give credit where credit is due. Take a friend or partner away for the weekend. Try to find a nearby country getaway for the ultimate relaxation experience.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Remember the importance of integrity in your personal and professional relationships. You are in a position to put in a good word for someone. Watch your finances this week. When an opportunity comes along in the future, you'll be glad you did.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

The decisions you make now may affect you for a long time, so be sure to think wisely. Don't hurry your answer, even though you may be getting a lot of pressure. Take a break from work to do some shopping for yourself. A great bargain will leap out at you.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Someone near you is having a rough time but doesn't want to admit it. When he/she finally does, be sure to give him/her time and support. Plan a romantic evening for your partner. Start with dinner at a nice restaurant or try your hand at preparing a gourmet meal.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

If you're fully committed to improving your life, this is the week to start. Discuss it with a counselor, member of the clergy or a personnel representative, but be careful how you interpret any advice. Grab a friend or take off on your own and shop 'til you drop this weekend!

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

It may be the time to approach your boss for a raise. Be sure to have the ammunition to back it up, especially any notes praising your work. Get a group of friends together for a fun social event this weekend. Don't leave anyone out, or hurt feelings could be a result.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

You'll be getting emotional support from a friend you haven't seen in a while. It will come at a time when you really need it. Thank him/her for it in a special way. Try a bouquet of flowers or home-baked cookies. An afternoon off can help you get a fresh outlook on life.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Use your creativity to help change your life. It will be a big boost to your job, and it will make your life in general a lot more fun. While you're at it, donate some of your time to a worthy cause. A little time on your part will make a big difference in someone's life.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

HARVEST SALAD

(Makes 6-8 Servings)

1 c. coarsely chopped cranberries
2 T. sugar
2 Granny Smith apples, cored and thinly sliced
Honey-Lime Vinaigrette
3 Qt. mixed greens
1 1/2 c. pitted dates, cut into slivers
2/3 c. chopped toasted walnuts
black pepper

Toss cranberries with sugar in a small bowl; let sit 15 minutes. Toss apples with 1/4 c. Honey-Lime Vinaigrette in another small bowl. Fill a large salad bowl with Greens. Fan apple slices around edge of bowl.

Toss together cranberries, dates and walnuts; mound in center of bowl. Refrigerate salad until ready

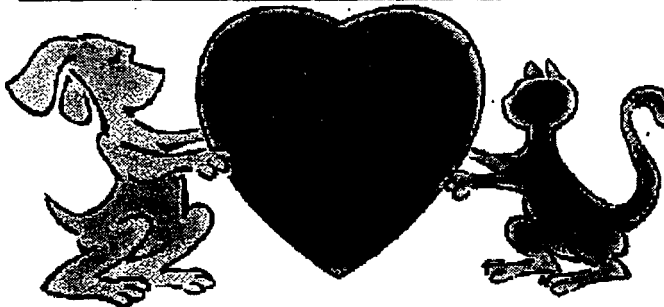
to serve. Just before serving, season with pepper and drizzle with remaining Lime Vinaigrette. Toss to coat salad with dressing

HONEY-LIME VINAIGRETTE

1/2 c. olive oil
2 T. lime juice
2 t. honey
1 1/2 t. Dijon-style mustard
1/4 t. salt
1/8 t. black pepper
Whisk together all ingredients until well combined.



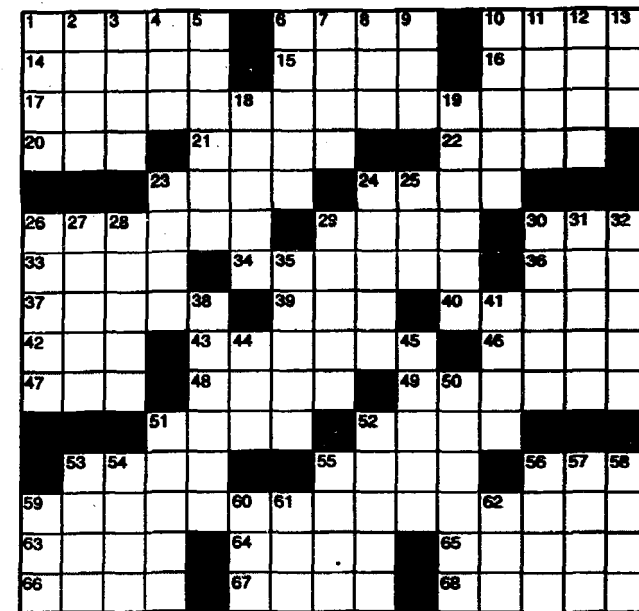
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Are you interested in getting a new pet, but don't have the money to pay high pet store prices? We have the perfect solution: Adopt a pet from our local animal shelter.

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ACROSS

- Goes over like a lead balloon
- Pieces of turf
- Caveman's equipment
- Last Night
- Wile
- Parks or Bonheur
- Steak canine (2 wds.)
- Understand
- '60s peace signs
- Achievement
- The Way We
- Lacuna
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- And The Art Of Archery
- Stick, in Spain
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- Newspaper notice, for short
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- Deal with a root-bound plant
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DOWN

- Luggage
- Mitch Miller's instrument
- Garden underminer
- Nip in the
- Director Spielberg
- Merry adventure
- Buttlight accolades
- Staccato indicator, in music
- Israel's neighbor: abbr.
- Nicene, for one
- Tennis word
- Employed
- Drinking place
- In-crowd rejects
- Expressions
- American Gothic artist
- Panoramas
- Three Match (2 wds.)
- Slouch Sam
- Lets up on
- "I Fall To Pieces" singer
- Plummet
- Plenty of nothing
- Levels
- Vile
- Nasal sound
- More creepy
- Had creditors
- First name in Wolfmen
- Singer Starr
- Set back
- Jim and Elmer
- Wait
- Vocal
- "Oh You Beautiful"
- Actor Skinner
- Drinks daintily
- Cheat
- Small colonists
- Harper Valley gp.
- Nile serpent
- Saint, in Lisbon
- Kicker's prop

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

February 20, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adams of Roscommon are the parents of a son, Rodney Michael, born Feb. 12 weighing 5 lbs. 9 3/4 ozs.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dibble of Roscommon on Feb. 11, a son, Jason William, weighing 7 lbs. 5 ozs.

A daughter, Dana Lee, was born to Mr and Mrs. Randy DeGrow of Roscommon on Feb. 13. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Ruth A. Stewart, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company's Director of Consumer Services has announced her retirement after a 23-year career in which she gained statewide recognition for her efforts in initiating basic nutritional programs for low income groups and senior citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fournace of Lake Margrethe are the proud grandparents of twin boys, which were born to their son and daughter-in-law, John and Denise Fournace on Feb. 9. The twins have been named Scott and Jason.

Mrs. Ruth Caid was hostess at the party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Sophie Koernke, Marie Duby, John Campau and Henry Goulette. Booby prize was won by Dorothy Orr. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maki will host the party this week.

Grayling wrestlers end season at Petoskey in conference meet placing fourth overall. Taking first was Carl Partello (105) and Don Vollmer (Hvy. Wt.). Second place finishers: Bill Kellogg (98) and Jeff Schlaack (112). Third place finishers: Rob Roy Ockerman (119), Grant Byce (126) and John Slater (185).

46 YEARS AGO

February 21, 1952

Miss Phyllis Randolph celebrated

her birthday with a party at her home last Wednesday evening. The twenty young ladies had a grand time taking part in many contests and games that were planned for them. Decorations were carried out in the Valentine motif. Lunch was served and Phyllis received many gifts and birthday congratulations.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Given on Feb. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Shaw announce the arrival of a son on Feb. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pratt are happy over the arrival of a daughter at Mercy Hospital on Feb. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson left Tuesday to spend a few days in Detroit on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madill left this week Wednesday morning to Moultrie, Georgia to visit their son, Frank and family.

69 YEARS AGO

February 21, 1929

The Citizens caucus to nominate village officers was held Monday evening at the Court House. The meeting was called to order and roll call read by Dr. C. R. Keyport, chairman of the committee. Dr. Keyport was elected temporary chairman. O. P. Schumann, secretary and Herbert Gothro, Roy Milnes and Leo Jorgenson were appointed tellers by the chairman. The following candidates were nominated: President, Christian W. Olsen; clerk, Loraine Sparkes; treasurer, Herluf Sorenson; assessor, James W. Sorenson; trustee, Alfred Hanson; trustee, E. G. Shaw; trustee, Thomas Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Sparkes entertained Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. McCann and little daughter of Bay City, Sunday, the McCanns taking in the thrills of the toboggan slide while here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Williams

are happy to have with them again their daughter, Bertha, now Mrs. George Lutz and husband of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Michelson and three sons, Louis, Frank and Nels of Detroit are sailing tomorrow from New York on a trip to the West Indies.

Miss Jean Elizabeth Brady celebrated her sixth birthday, Feb. 14 by inviting ten little girls to help her celebrate it. In the hearts and cupid contests, prizes were won by the little Misses Ruth Burrows and Jerrine Peterson.

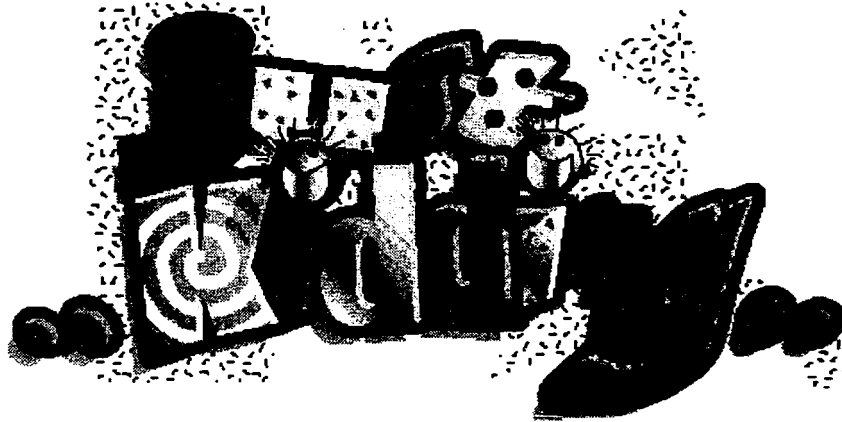
92 YEARS AGO

February 22, 1906

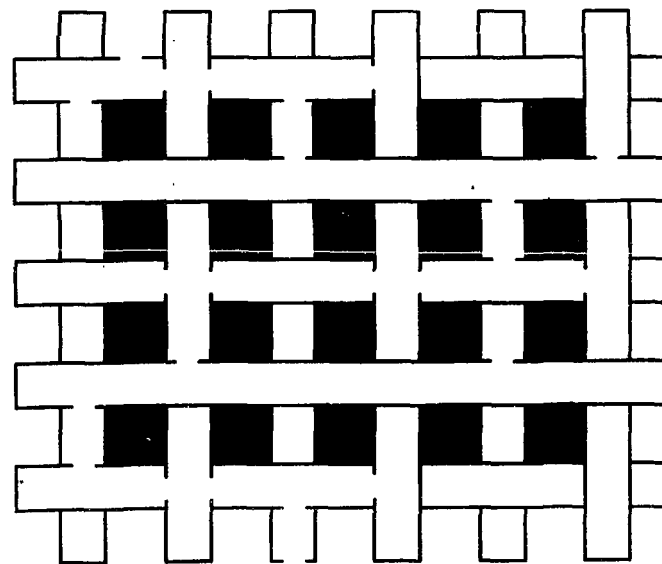
Station Agent Herrick is breaking in a new crew this week on account of Marvin and Trumbley going west. N. P. Olson goes into the freight office, Mr. Lingney of Lewiston takes Marvin's place, and Mr. Flagg of Frederic is in Trumbley's chair.

John Niederer, Jr., came near going to heaven by the Baptist route Monday, by falling backward off from the ice where they were cutting, into 30 feet of water. Luckily he came to the surface in the opening and was rescued. He acknowledged that the bath was too cool for comfort.

There came near being a fire at Mrs. Sim's boarding house in Lovells last Friday night. A cat which has been left in the house jumped upon a shelf knocking down a bunch of matches which ignited as they fell on the floor. This so scorched the cat that it ran to a sleeping room meowing so loudly that Mrs. Sims awakened and was able to extinguish the fire. Dr. Knapp of Johannesburg fulfilled his promises by taking the school moms for a sleighride last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Knapp accompanied them.



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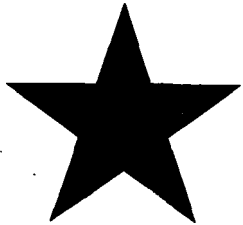
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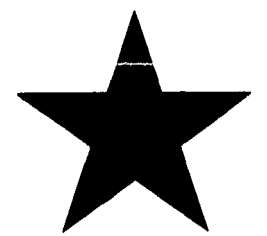
254' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER Sellers are licensed builders and have several finish options. Exterior finished, 1/2-log siding with butt & pass corners. Andersen windows, skylite in master bedroom. Silestone. Shell status interior, interior partitions, no well, septic, plumbing/heating. Cedar decking, 8x4 covered deck, 2,104 sq. ft. including dormer in master bedroom. \$99,500. CH-684



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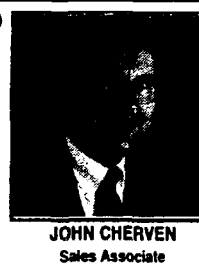
FOR SALE BY OWNER: Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, finished walk-out basement, attached garage, large deck, boat house. 200' X 125' lot. Adjacent lots available. \$120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104. -12-19-26/1

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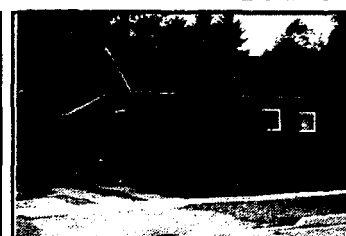


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705 MAPLE Nice three-bedroom, one-bath home in the city. 1,236 sq. ft. basement. Natural gas forced-air heat, new paint on exterior. Close to schools, shopping and churches. \$47,500 #JC-636



A DESIRABLE HOME in Sherwood Forest subdivision. 3 bedrooms on main floor and bedroom in finished basement. Family room with fireplace and half bath added nine years ago. 24x26 heated garage. \$83,000 #JG-714



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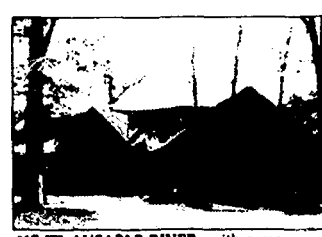
DOUBLE CORNER LOT is the location of this 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a partial basement, enclosed porch, two-car garage and handicap ramp. Enclosed heated 10x40 lap pool \$42,000. (LM-RC-957)



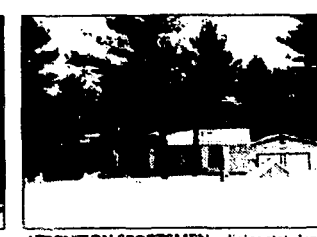
AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2 bedrooms, one bath, enclosed porch, fireplace, fenced-in yard, two-car garage, 14x14 heated guest house. Located on over one acre, with state land across the road. \$44,800. (LJK-32)



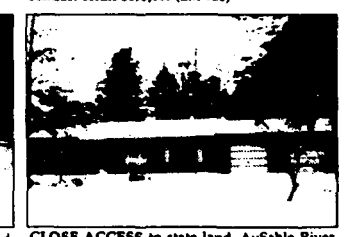
AUSABLE RIVER FLIES-ONLY Secluded location in the Holy Water. 546 ft. frontage, small pond and creek, foot bridge to island. Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, enclosed porch. Includes appliances. Large trees and an excellent view. Land Contract Terms \$179,000 (LM-936)



117 FT. AUSABLE RIVER with a gorgeous view from this 3,700 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms, three baths, attached garage. 26 walls, built-in appliance, hardwood floors, huge stone fireplace. Lots of storage and many extras. \$239,000. (TV-21)



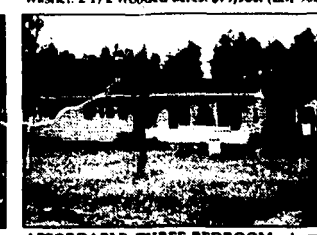
ATTENTION SPORTSMEN adjoins state land and close to snowmobile trail with a large garage to store the toys. Plus a 3-bedroom, 2 bath home, fireplace, satellite dish. Lots of cupboards and includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. 2 1/2 wooded acres. \$79,900. (LM-962)



CLOSE ACCESS to state land, AuSable River and snowmobile trails with lots of room in this oversized garage and storage area to store the toys. 2 bedroom home with a wood burner in the family room. Large wooded lot. \$99,000. (MC-530)



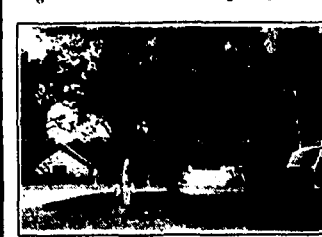
NEW CONSTRUCTION 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, garage and full basement. Quality! Located on 2 1/2 secluded acres with large trees. Must see! \$121,000. (JW-73)



AFFORDABLE THREE-BEDROOM home offers 1,306 sq. ft., family room, one bath, newer roof and furnace, two-car garage, on wooded .71 acre lot close to town. \$49,700 (KM-21)



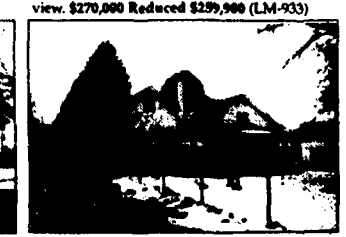
LAKE MARGRETHE PIONEER LOG HOME, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, sauna, two garages, observation sundeck, gazebo, over 600' frontage, nice trees and a breathtaking view. \$170,000 Reduced \$129,900 (LM-933)



CUTE 2 BEDROOM, full log home with 100' frontage on Lake Marjory, south of Waters on Old 27. One-car garage with ample storage. Guest house with kitchenette and bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently remodeled bath and kitchen. Excellent hunting area with state land outside the door. Includes appliances. \$139,900 Reduced \$119,900 (SG-22)



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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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SECRETARIAL HELP WANTED General practice law firm is seeking personable individual to fill secretarial position. Individual must have strong telephone skills. WordPerfect knowledge helpful. Position is part-time (30 hours) with possibility of full-time. Send resume and cover letter to: PO Box 490 MW, Grayling, MI 49738. Attn. G.S. (-26-5/3)

3. Employment

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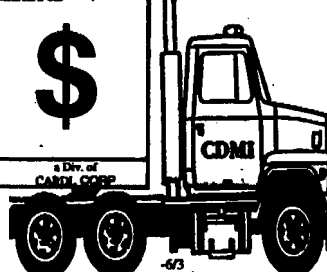
AVON \$8-\$18/hr, no door-to-door, quick cash, fun and relaxing. 1-800-736-0168. (-26/3)

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PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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2. For Rent

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TWO BEDROOM CARPETED DUPLEX near Lake Margrethe, with carport, refrigerator, stove and natural gas heat. \$425 plus utilities and security. Responsible adults with references. Very low heat bills. Cable ready. 348-5230. -19-26//2

FOR RENT two bedroom cottage near Lake Margrethe, partially furnished. First and last and security. Call 517-348-8219. -19-26-5-12/2

ROOM FOR RENT \$300 a month plus deposit, utilities included. References required! Call after 5 p.m. 348-7853. -19-26/2

HOUSE FOR RENT in Grayling. One bedroom, all appliances, two car garage. \$425 per month plus security deposit. 348-5372. No pets. -19-26/2

8106 INSLEY, near Lake Margrethe, two bedroom home with att. garage, \$450 monthly, sec. dep. No pets.. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application. -2/12/98tf/2

509 PARK STREET, two bedroom house in city. \$450 monthly, sec. deposit, no pets. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application. -2/12/98tf/2

KITCHENETTE FOR RENT WEEKLY Western Trails Motel. 517-348-7681. (LR3/26/98/2)

RENTAL VACATION Two bedroom mobile home, McIntyres Landing. Weekend \$100, \$50 deposit. Weekly \$150, \$50 deposit. Monthly \$400, \$100 deposit. Furnished except for bedding and linens. 517-348-8277. (-26/2)

2. For Rent

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FOR RENT: 8106 Insley, remodeled lake access, two bedroom, garage, partial basement, \$450 monthly plus security deposit. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440. -2/5/98tf/2

ONE BEDROOM very nice, including utilities. \$500 per month. No pets. 517-275-5225. -2/19/98tf/2

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE all appliances, \$375 plus utilities and \$300 security deposit. Responsible adults with references. No pets. 348-5911, leave message. -19-26/2

NEW THREE BEDROOM two bath home with lake access. Non-smoking only, no pets. \$600 per month plus utilities and security deposit. Available mid-March. 348-8627. -2/19/98tf/2

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KITCHENETTES AVAILABLE Need temporary housing? Working in the area? Rooms available through May, by the week or month. Call 348-8471, Grayling. -12-19-26-5/2

ROOM FOR RENT \$250 month, share in utilities, full house privileges. 348-3297, ask for Terry. -12-19-26-5/2

FOR RENT nice two bedroom house with appliances and garage. \$400 plus security deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-26/2)

The GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is taking applications for family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

Qualifications:

1. Good rental history
2. Good credit history
3. Family size appropriate for each apartment size

(517) 348-9314 Rent Range:

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| Family of 2: | \$107 - \$555 | Maximum income \$22,700 |
| Family of 3: | \$125 - \$615 | Maximum income \$25,550 |
| Family of 4: | \$150 - \$674 | Maximum income \$28,400 |

THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION

Hunting group sponsors banquet to raise funds

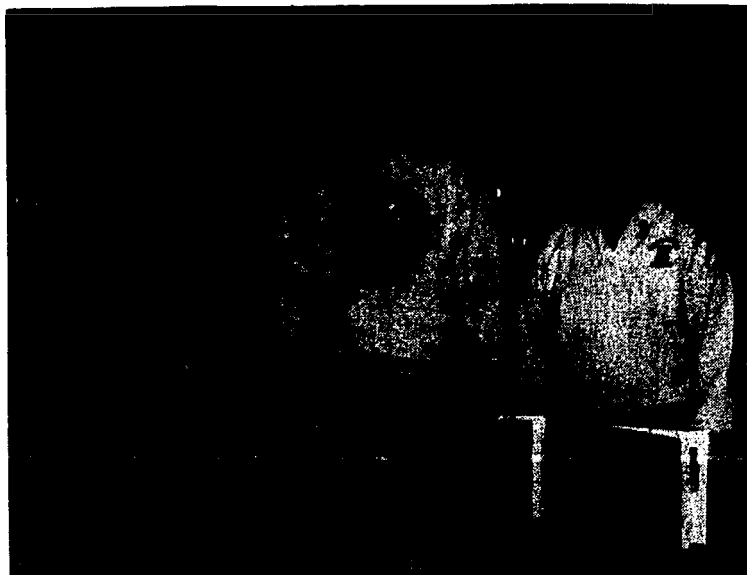
The Roscommon/ Crawford Whitetails Unlimited Chapter is sponsoring a fund raising banquet to be held on Saturday, March 7 at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall, 604 Norway Rd. Social hour is set for 6 p.m. and the buffet dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will not be available at the door but can be purchased from Dan Hagle at 517-275-8341. Tickets are \$35 each and \$15 for a spouse's ticket. Tickets for those under fifteen years of age are \$20.

The banquet ticket includes free admission to a deer hunter's seminar, which will be held before the banquet from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria in Grayling.

The seminar speakers include author and deer researcher John Ozoga, expert deer hunters Mitch Rompala and Fred Abbas, DNR conservation officer Bob Mills, and DNR research biologist Elaine Carlson. The seminar speakers will discuss various aspects of hunting including methods for hunting trophy bucks, baiting and decoy techniques, hunting ethics, and the latest news regarding the tuberculosis problem in Michigan's deer herd.

The deer hunter's seminar is free to those with banquet tickets or \$5 to everyone else. The tickets for the seminar can be purchased from Dan Hagle in advance or at the door depending on availability.



DEER AND WILDLIFE BOOKS AVAILABLE -- Whitetails Unlimited has donated several books to the libraries of Grayling, Roscommon and Houghton Lake. (left to right) Donna Alward, Director of Houghton Lake Public Library, Dan Hagle of Whitetails Unlimited and Dawn Humphries, Director of Gerrish-Higgins School District Public Library. Missing from photo is librarian Tracie Compton.

Everyone who attends the fund raising banquet will receive a Whitetails Unlimited 15th Anniversary knife and sheath. There will also be an auction and door prizes. Memberships of Whitetails Unlimited members in attendance will be extended by one full year.

Whitetails Unlimited is a national non-profit organization that raises funds for education, conservation and preservation of the hunting of wildlife. Proceeds from the banquet will go toward hunting education and anti-poaching measures.

Riverboat Revue at Holiday Inn Feb. 28

On Saturday evening, Feb. 28, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Cultural Events Series continues as we present our take on Mardi Gras when the Franny Green Band performs at the Grayling Holiday Inn Evergreen Room. Appearing with the Franny Green Band will be the Magic of Joe Holliday.

Mr. Banjo, Franny Green has been delighting audiences throughout the northeast region for the past thirty-five years. His stellar band is currently performing at the Showboat Hotel Casino in Atlantic City. Now working on their fifth year at this musical hot spot, Franny keeps them swinging in the isle ways.

A unique product of the Jersey Shore this popular band is the result of blending personal friendships among aficionados and a rare combination of talents. Their common bond is love of the good old musical sounds that have persisted over decades of time. You'll hear your favorite old time melodies like "Darktown Strutters Ball," "Bye, Bye Blues" and "There'll Be Some Changes Made."

From 1983 through 1988 Franny tried his hand at the restaurant business; however, the banjo never took a rest. He opened his club in Philadelphia called Franny Green's Restaurant and Pub where his band was featured nightly as well as other great Philadelphia talent.

As the casino hotel market flourished in Atlantic City, the demand for

Franny's talents also increased. Besides being seen regularly at the Showboat, Franny has also performed at Harrah's, the Tropicana, the Trump Plaza, the Trump Taj Mahal and Caesars to name a few.

Doors to the Evergreen Room will open at 6 p.m. A plate served dinner will be presented at 6:30 p.m. and consists of Pineapple boat, Cajun Chicken or seafood Creole (Scallops, Crab, Shrimp), Potato, Rice Dish,

Vegetable, N/A beverage and Dessert...Louisiana King Cake.

Tickets at \$22.50 per person (tax and tip included) may be purchased by calling the Community Education Office at (517) 348-7641 ext. 123 or 120.

The Cultural Events Series is produced with the support of area business and corporations as well as the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Encore Society of Music presents Mardi Gras Jazz

The Encore Winds return to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School on Saturday evening, March 7 for an 8 p.m. concert as part of the Community Education Cultural Events Series.

This year's show will feature favorite jazz tunes including Beale St. Blues, Newport Rag, a Duke Ellington tribute, and selections made famous by Hoagy Carmichael.

Featured soloists on trombone, trumpet, and soprano saxophone will also perform various selections in keeping with the theme.

The Encore Society of Music is a non-profit arts organization which provides the opportunity for area musicians to return their talents to Grand Traverse area and surrounding community through eight major concerts per year.

Encore also provides educational outreach programs to school children through numerous school concerts and interactive presentations. All Encore musicians volunteer their talents to the organization; other citizens volunteer their time to assist in concert production.

Following the 8 p.m. performance will be a dessert reception, offering a variety of fancy selections catered by the Grayling Holiday Inn and Chef Larry Bachman. Tickets at \$8 per person are available by calling 348-7641 ext. 123/120, or may be purchased at the board office on Michigan Avenue.

The Award Winning Cultural Events Series is made possible with the support of area business and corporations, as well as the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

REAL ESTATE



What a view! This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, & snowmobile & RV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well septic and priced to sell. \$32,000. #4217. Ask for Bob Pollack!



Enjoy Lake Margrethe from this three bedroom salt box home on a large corner lot. Featuring deeded canal access to Lake Margrethe, new roof in 1996, new utility room in 1994 and 16x22 storage shed. \$147,500. #4227 Ask for Jim Wiltse



Newly remodeled home has many improvements such as: new siding, windows and roof, new floor covering, furnace and hot water tank. Blacktop drive and storage shed. \$29,500 #4163. Ask for Connie Winans



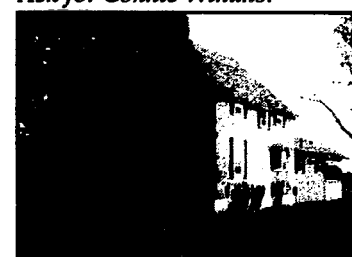
On the banks of Manistee River Fantastic view from this spacious 2,000 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, den, 2 baths, hot tub, fireplace, living & family room. Offering extras & quality throughout. \$137,500 #4056. Ask for Connie Winans!



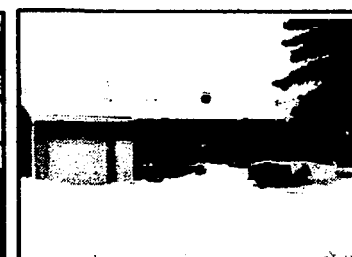
Beautiful 1,716 sq. ft. 3 bedroom ranch has large master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Kitchen features tons of oak cabinets including 2 full size pantries & snack bar. Satellite dish, privacy fence & large front deck situated on a large double lot. \$75,000 #4225. Ask for Connie Winans!



Excellent business opportunity! North End Grocery is surrounded by lakes for summer fun, state land and snowmobile trails. Four year old roof and three year old 14x40 cooler. Also includes a mobile home that could be used as a rental! #4167 Ask for Jim Wiltse



Turn-of-the-Century farm house lovingly restored. Gleaming woodwork, window seals & hardwood floors. 2 car garage, pole barn, vintage barn, greenhouse, workshop, pond, windmill & more. Off the beaten path. 7.5 acres. \$149,900 #4086 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



This city home has a great location, close to the hospital and schools! Home features newer vinyl siding and oak kitchen cabinets. Six foot high fenced in back yard, full basement and more. \$56,500 #4231 Ask for Connie Winans!



Very nice property and mobile home with two additions. 11.7 acres, covered porch and 2-car garage. \$57,900 #4154 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



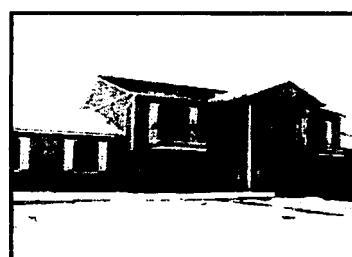
Beautiful mobile home is secluded on 2 1/2 acres. Featuring 2 bedrooms, an enormous three car garage, wonderful landscaped yard, decks and comes with washer, dryer, refrigerator and stove. \$43,000 #4094 Ask for John Kuszak!



330 ft. on AuSable River and canal has water view from almost every room. Quality built ranch home also has exquisite master bath with step-up Jacuzzi bath, shower and ceramic tile. Large deck on river side located off living room. \$123,900 #4103 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



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Excellent income property, currently 18 apartment units, fully rented, and the additional unit to be under construction March 1998. Each building has 4-2 bedroom, 2-1 bedroom apartments. Appliances included, general laundry in each building. No dual agency available. \$735,000 #4230 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Located in the City of Grayling is this fine starter/rental investment home. Located close to the schools and hospital has many updates including new roof. Immediate occupancy. \$29,000 #4199 Ask for Connie Winans!



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11. Automotive

1992 CHEVROLET \$10 ext. cab. V6, 86,000 miles, looks good, runs great, asking \$4,999. 1994 Chevrolet full size pick-up with canvas cover, 71,000 miles, extra clean, asking \$10,900. 1993 Pontiac Gran Prix SE, V6, 92,000 miles, bright red, clean economical transportation, asking \$5,995. Call Ron or leave message at 517-348-6761. -2/19/98tf/11

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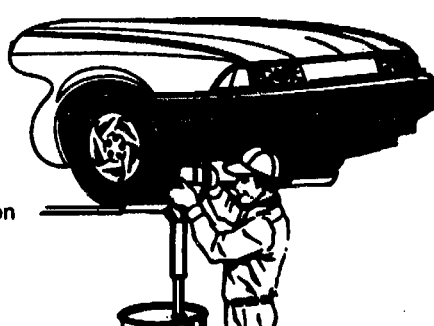
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